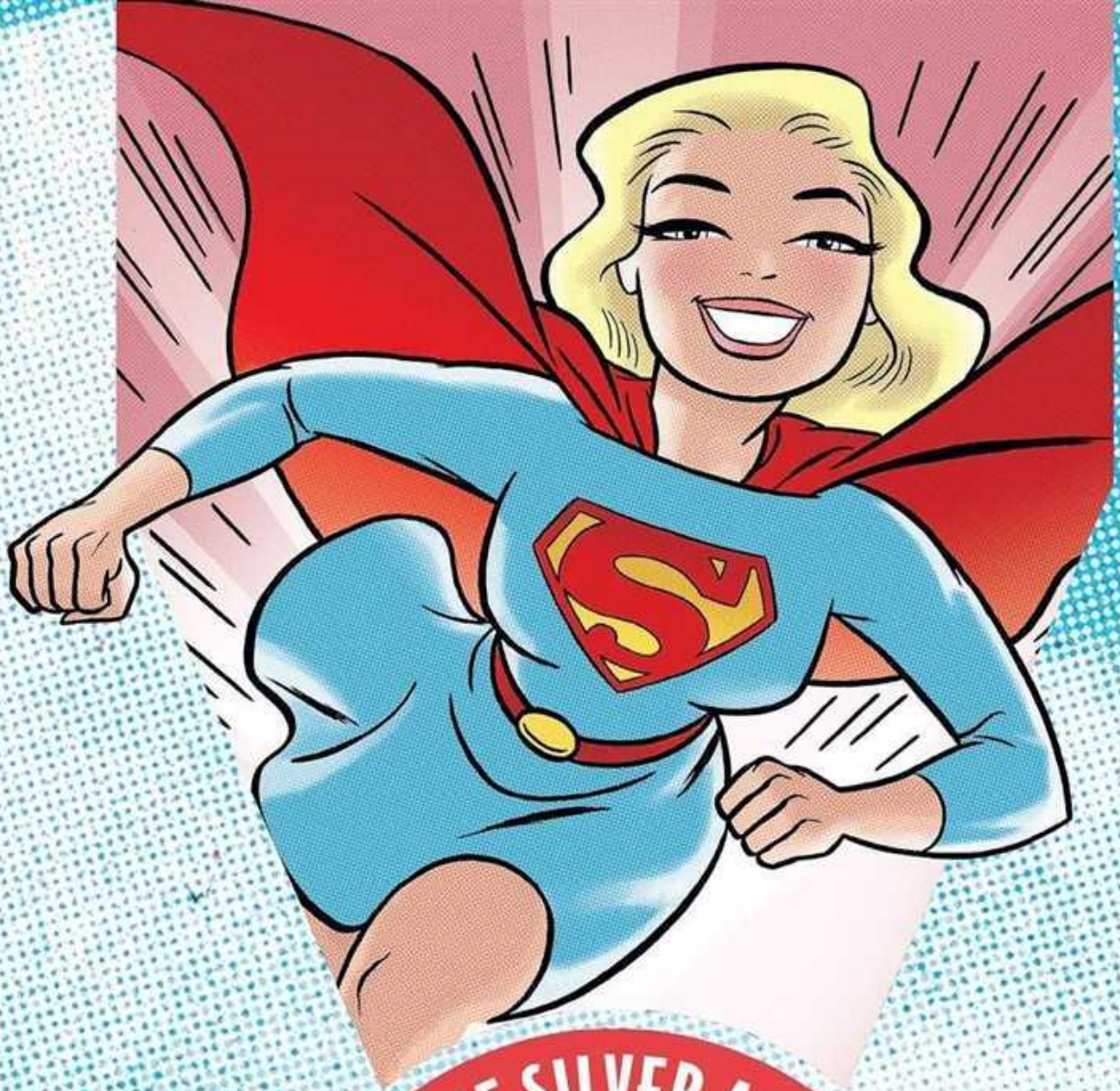

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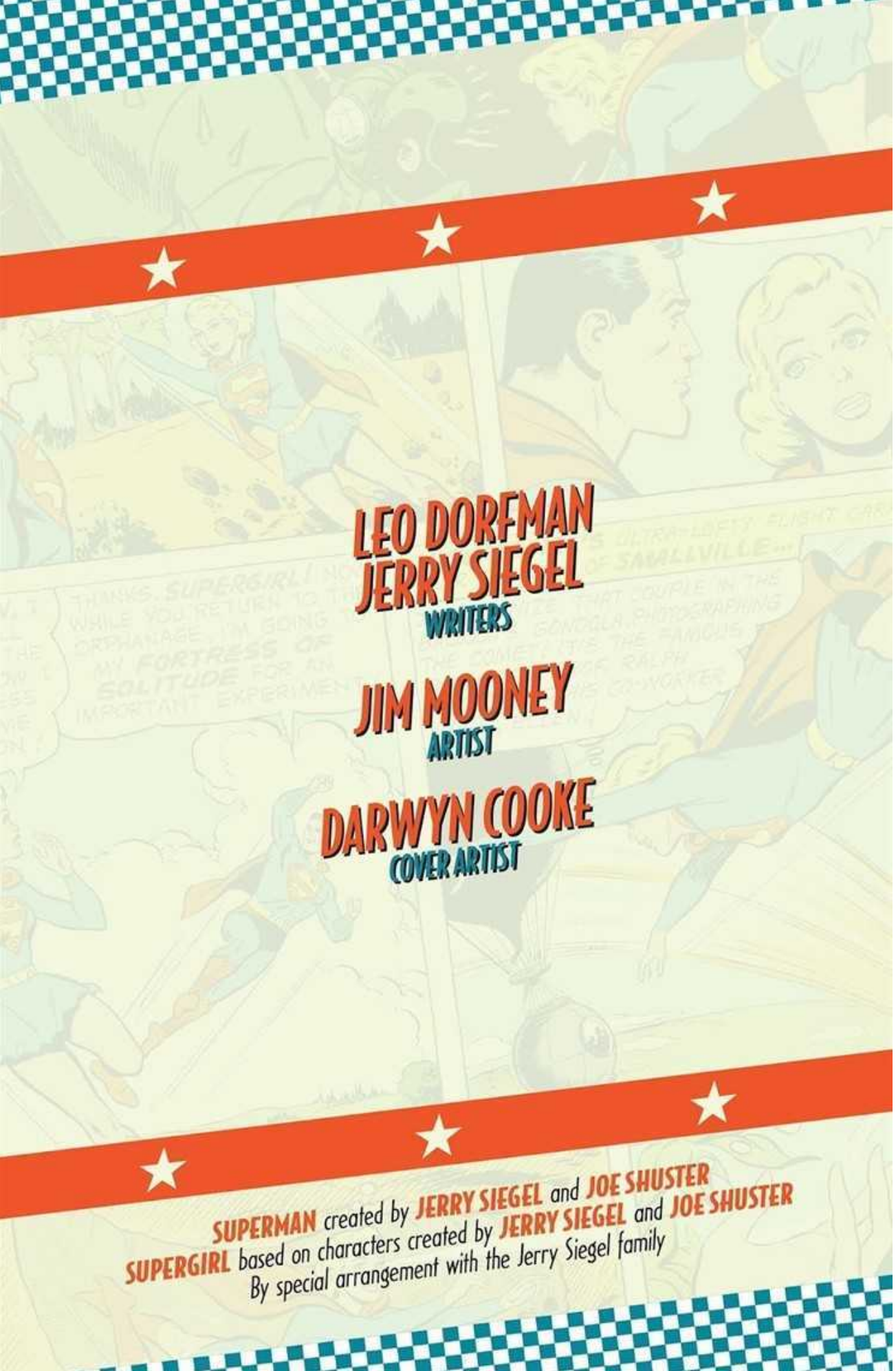

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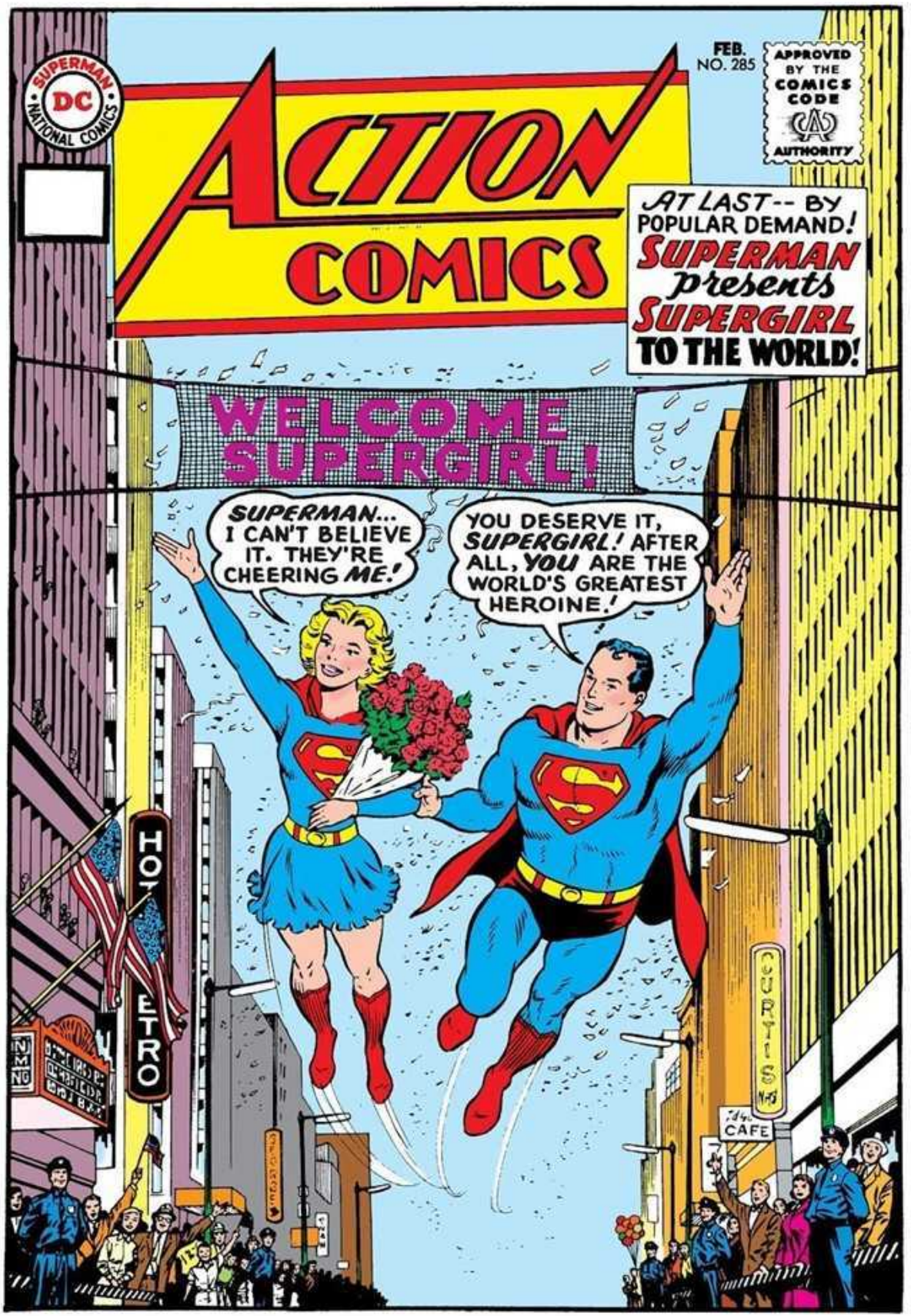
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WELCOME SUPERGIRL!
SUPERMAN... I CAN'T BELIEVE IT. THEY'RE CHEERING ME!
YOU DESERVE IT, SUPERGIRL! AFTER ALL, YOU ARE THE WORLD'S GREATEST HEROINE!
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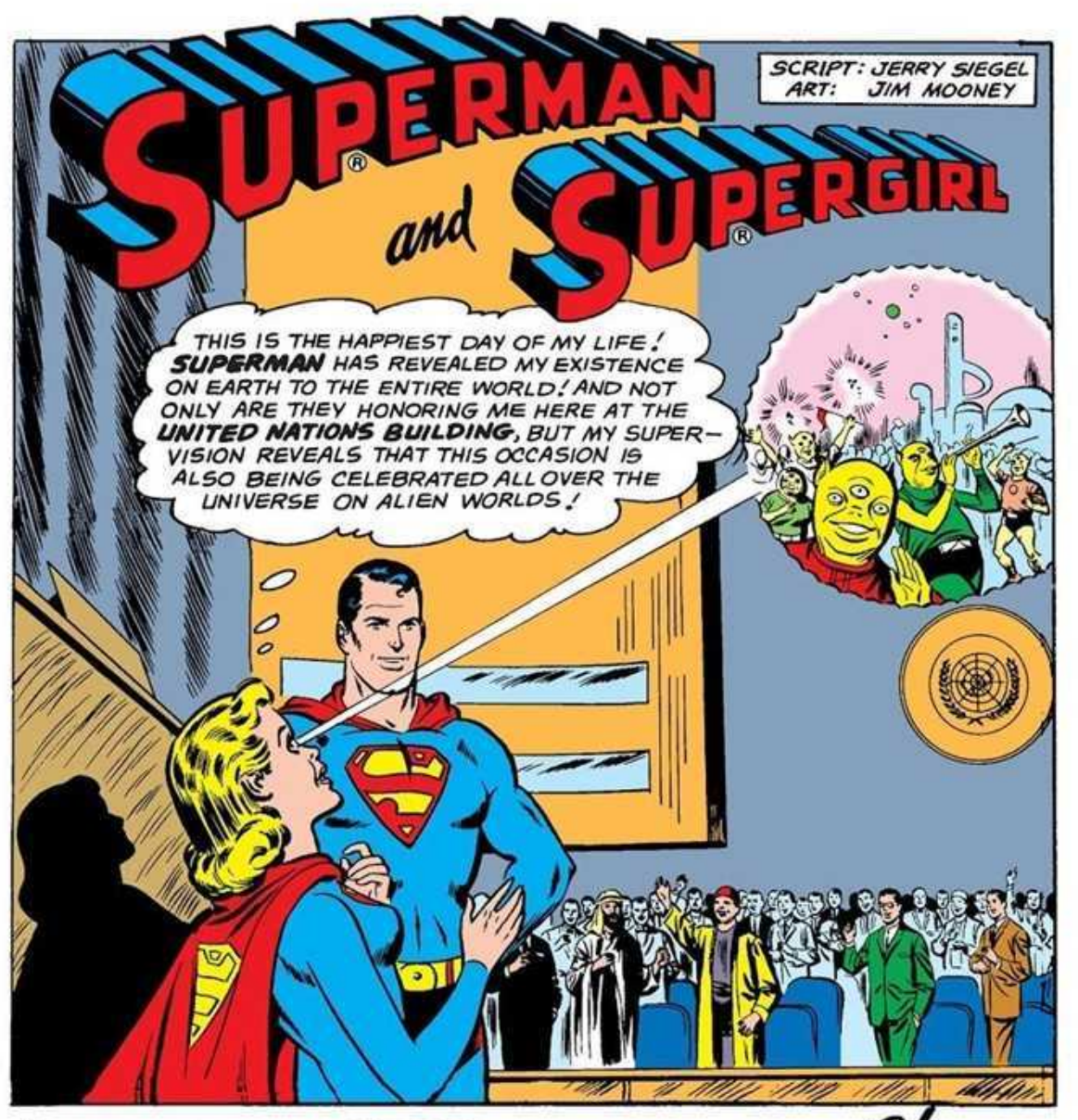
SUPERMAN and SUPERGIRL
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THIS IS THE HAPPIEST DAY OF MY LIFE! SUPERMAN HAS REVEALED MY EXISTENCE ON EARTH TO THE ENTIRE WORLD! AND NOT ONLY ARE THEY HONORING ME HERE AT THE UNITED NATIONS BUILDING, BUT MY SUPER-VISION REVEALS THAT THIS OCCASION IS ALSO BEING CELEBRATED ALL OVER THE UNIVERSE ON ALIEN WORLDS!

FOR SEVERAL YEARS NOW, **SUPERGIRL** HAS SERVED **SUPERMAN** FAITHFULLY AS HIS SECRET EMERGENCY WEAPON, OFTEN SAVING HIM FROM VARIOUS DOOMS. **SUPERMAN** HAS DELAYED ANNOUNCING HER EXISTENCE ON EARTH UNTIL SHE SUFFICIENTLY MASTERED HER SUPER-POWERS AND PROVED HERSELF CAPABLE OF OPERATING OPENLY WITH HIM. NOW, AT LAST, THE **GIRL OF STEEL**'S GALLANT EFFORTS TO PROVE HER WORTH ARE REWARDED. FOR FINALLY, **SUPERMAN** LIFTS THE VEIL OF SECRECY AND MAKES KNOWN **SUPERGIRL**'S EXISTENCE! SO IMPORTANT IS THIS DEVELOPMENT THAT WE DEVOTED AN **ENTIRE** ISSUE TO IT, PRESENTING, FOR THE FIRST TIME IN **ACTION COMICS**' HISTORY, YOUR TWO SUPER-FAVORITES STARRING **TOGETHER** IN A GREAT TWO-PART NOVEL! READ ON, AND SHARE **SUPERGIRL**'S JOY, AS SHE IS REVEALED TO BE...

The WORLD'S GREATEST Heroine!

PART 1

ONE AFTERNOON, ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF MIDVALE...
YOU'VE BEEN A SPLENDID "SECRET EMERGENCY WEAPON", SUPERGIRL! BUT NOW THAT YOU'VE LEARNED HOW TO HANDLE YOUR SUPER-POWERS WISELY, IT WOULD BE UNFAIR FOR ME TO KEEP YOUR EXISTENCE A SECRET ANY LONGER!
OH, HOW WONDERFUL, SUPERMAN! I JUST CAN'T BELIEVE IT!
AND SO I'LL PUBLICLY REVEAL YOUR EXISTENCE! FIRST, HOWEVER, WE'LL DISCLOSE IT TO YOUR FOSTER PARENTS, TOGETHER WITH THE FACT THAT YOU, THEIR ADOPTED DAUGHTER, LINDA, ARE SUPERGIRL'S SECRET IDENTITY!
I'M SO HAPPY!
I'LL MEET YOU AT 9 O'CLOCK TONIGHT! WE'LL TELL THEM TOGETHER! BUT NOW I MUST RESUME MY PATROL OF METROPOLIS!
SUPERMAN'S SUCH A DEAR! I REALIZE NOW HOW WISE HE WAS TO DELAY ANNOUNCING MY EXISTENCE UNTIL I WAS REALLY READY!
SHORTLY, AS SUPERGIRL CHANGES TO HER LINDA LEE DANVERS IDENTITY, AND RETURNS HOME...
I CAN HARDLY KEEP FROM BLURTING OUT MY BIG SECRET TO MY FOLKS!... IT SEEMS LIKE 9 O'CLOCK WILL NEVER COME!
EDNA, THEY'RE SHOWING A REVIVAL OF A GREAT MOVIE I ALWAYS WANTED TO SEE, BUT MISSED! WOULD YOU AND LINDA LIKE TO GO? IT'S PLAYING IN METROPOLIS!
GOOD IDEA!
WE SHOULD BE BACK BY 9 O'CLOCK!
EN ROUTE TO METROPOLIS, AS THE DANVERS FAMILY CAR DRIVES OVER AN OLD BRIDGE...
THE BRIDGE IS COLLAPSING!
YIII!— W-WE'LL BE KILLED!
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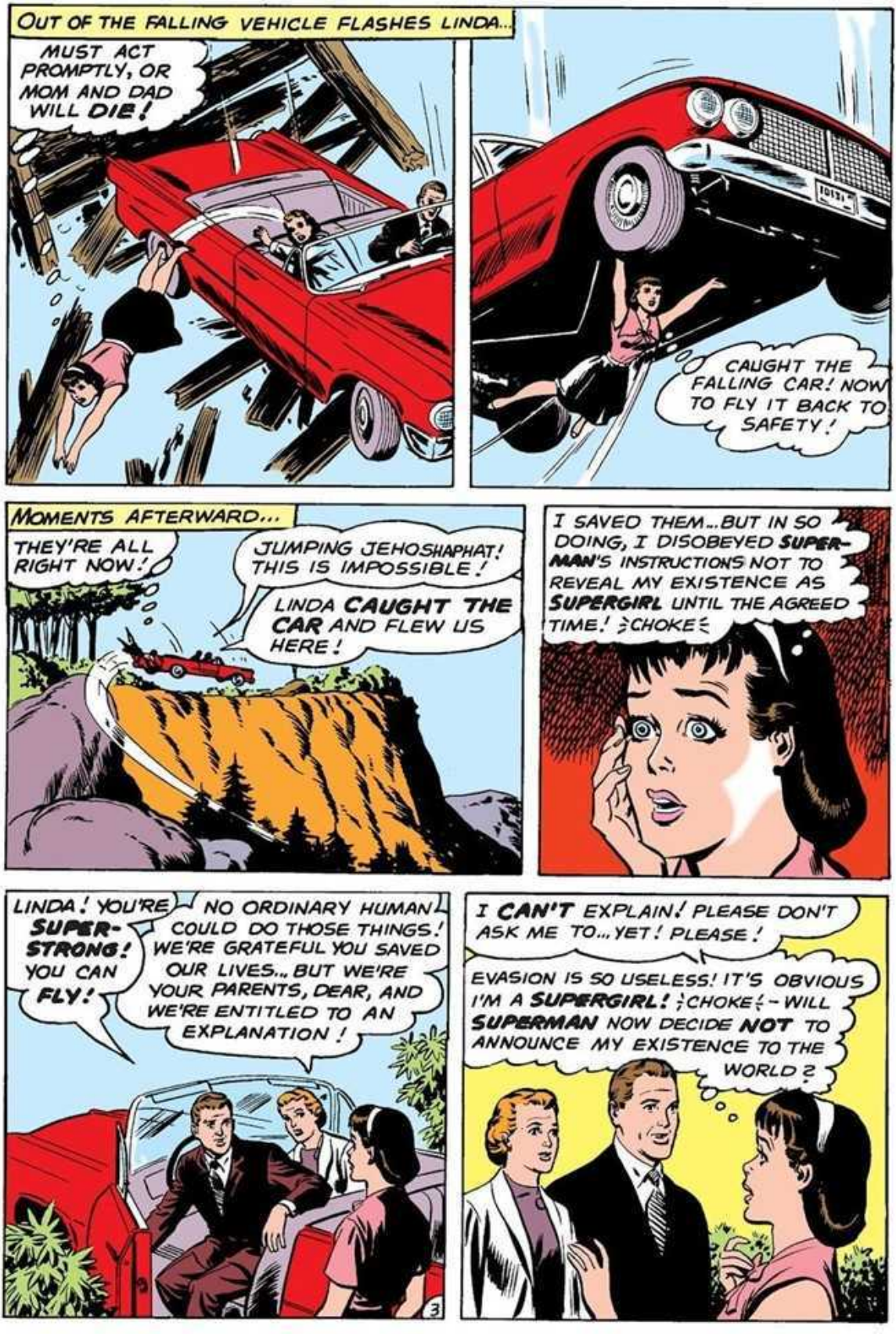
OUT OF THE FALLING VEHICLE FLASHES LINDA...
MUST ACT PROMPTLY, OR MOM AND DAD WILL DIE!
CAUGHT THE FALLING CAR! NOW TO FLY IT BACK TO SAFETY!
MOMENTS AFTERWARD...
THEY'RE ALL RIGHT NOW!
JUMPING JEHOSHAPHAT! THIS IS IMPOSSIBLE!
LINDA CAUGHT THE CAR AND FLEW US HERE!
I SAVED THEM...BUT IN SO DOING, I DISOBEYED SUPERMAN'S INSTRUCTIONS NOT TO REVEAL MY EXISTENCE AS SUPERGIRL UNTIL THE AGREED TIME! }CHOKE{
LINDA! YOU'RE SUPER-STRONG! YOU CAN FLY!
NO ORDINARY HUMAN COULD DO THOSE THINGS! WE'RE GRATEFUL YOU SAVED OUR LIVES... BUT WE'RE YOUR PARENTS, DEAR, AND WE'RE ENTITLED TO AN EXPLANATION!
I CAN'T EXPLAIN! PLEASE DON'T ASK ME TO... YET! PLEASE!
EVASION IS SO USELESS! IT'S OBVIOUS I'M A SUPERGIRL! }CHOKE{ - WILL SUPERMAN NOW DECIDE NOT TO ANNOUNCE MY EXISTENCE TO THE WORLD?
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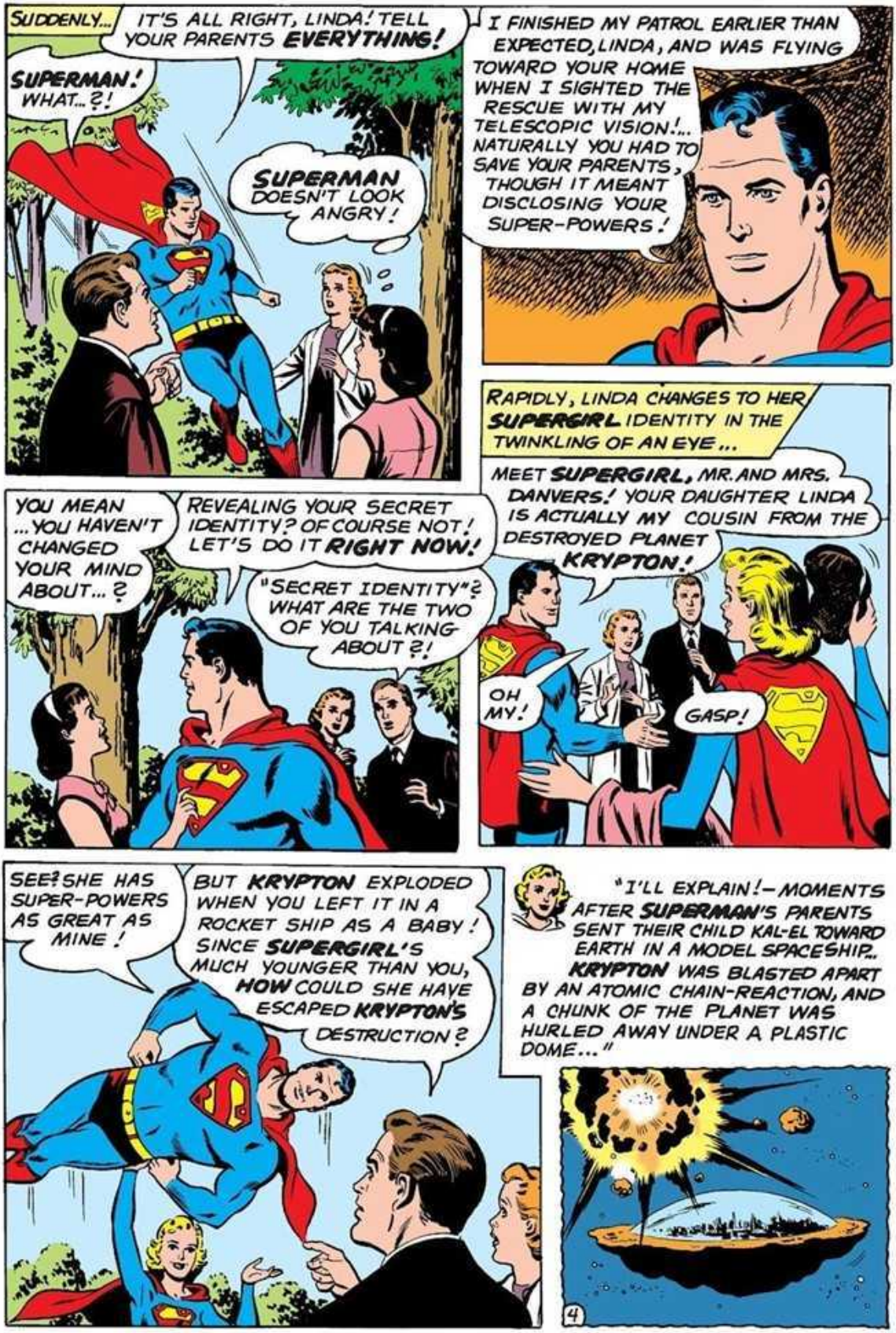
SUDDENLY...
IT'S ALL RIGHT, LINDA! TELL YOUR PARENTS EVERYTHING!
SUPERMAN! WHAT...?!
SUPERMAN DOESN'T LOOK ANGRY!
I FINISHED MY PATROL EARLIER THAN EXPECTED, LINDA, AND WAS FLYING TOWARD YOUR HOME WHEN I SIGHTED THE RESCUE WITH MY TELESCOPIC VISION!... NATURALLY YOU HAD TO SAVE YOUR PARENTS, THOUGH IT MEANT DISCLOSING YOUR SUPER-POWERS!
RAPIDLY, LINDA CHANGES TO HER SUPERGIRL IDENTITY IN THE TWINKLING OF AN EYE...
MEET SUPERGIRL, MR. AND MRS. DANVERS! YOUR DAUGHTER LINDA IS ACTUALLY MY COUSIN FROM THE DESTROYED PLANET KRYPTON!
OH MY!
GASP!
YOU MEAN ...YOU HAVEN'T CHANGED YOUR MIND ABOUT...?
REVEALING YOUR SECRET IDENTITY? OF COURSE NOT! LET'S DO IT RIGHT NOW!
"SECRET IDENTITY"? WHAT ARE THE TWO OF YOU TALKING ABOUT?!
SEE? SHE HAS SUPER-POWERS AS GREAT AS MINE!
BUT KRYPTON EXPLODED WHEN YOU LEFT IT IN A ROCKET SHIP AS A BABY! SINCE SUPERGIRL'S MUCH YOUNGER THAN YOU, HOW COULD SHE HAVE ESCAPED KRYPTON'S DESTRUCTION?
"I'LL EXPLAIN!— MOMENTS AFTER SUPERMAN'S PARENTS SENT THEIR CHILD KAL-EL TOWARD EARTH IN A MODEL SPACESHIP... KRYPTON WAS BLASTED APART BY AN ATOMIC CHAIN-REACTION, AND A CHUNK OF THE PLANET WAS HURLED AWAY UNDER A PLASTIC DOME..."
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"ARGO CITY WAS ON THAT CHUNK! AMONG ITS PEOPLE WAS SCIENTIST ZOR-EL, THE BROTHER OF SUPERMAN'S FATHER, JOR-EL! THE EXPLOSION WHICH DESTROYED KRYPTON CHANGED THE CHUNK'S GROUND INTO DEADLY KRYPTONITE! ZOR-EL THEN COVERED THE GROUND WITH LEAD SHEET METAL TO PROTECT THE PEOPLE!"
"YEARS LATER, ZOR-EL AND HIS WIFE HAD A BABY GIRL- KARA...ME! BUT WHEN I GREW INTO GIRLHOOD, A METEOR-FLOCK SMASHED HOLES IN THE LEAD SHIELD, RELEASING KRYPTONITE WHICH DOOMED EVERYONE"!
"FOR SOME TIME, MY PARENTS HAD WATCHED SUPERMAN ON EARTH THROUGH THEIR SUPER-TELESCOPE! MY MOTHER MADE A SIMILAR COSTUME FOR ME! THEN, I WAS SHOT TOWARD EARTH IN A ROCKET JUST BEFORE ARGO CITY PERISHED!"
UPON REACHING EARTH, THE RAYS OF ITS YELLOW SUN MADE ME A SUPERGIRL, AND MY COSTUME BECAME INDESTRUCTIBLE, TOO! SINCE THEN, I'VE BEEN SUPERMAN'S SECRET EMERGENCY WEAPON, OFTEN SAVING HIM FROM KRYPTONITE WHEN I WASN'T MASQUERADING AS ORPHAN LINDA LEE. LATER, YOU ADOPTED ME FROM THE ORPHANAGE, AND NOW YOU KNOW... EVERYTHING!
AS SUPERGIRL FINISHES HER EXPLANATION...
¡GASP!¿ THEN THE DAUGHTER WE LOVE IS A...SUPER-GIRL! I'M SO PROUD!
I'M ABOUT TO REVEAL SUPERGIRL'S EXISTENCE TO THE WORLD, BUT THERE'S SOMETHING YOU MUST REALIZE!
YOU MUST NEVER REVEAL TO ANYONE THAT YOUR DAUGHTER LINDA IS SECRETLY SUPERGIRL! IF THE UNDERWORLD FOUND OUT, THEY'D SEEK TO HARM SUPERGIRL BY HURTING YOU!
WE UNDERSTAND!
WE'LL NEVER BETRAY HER SECRET!
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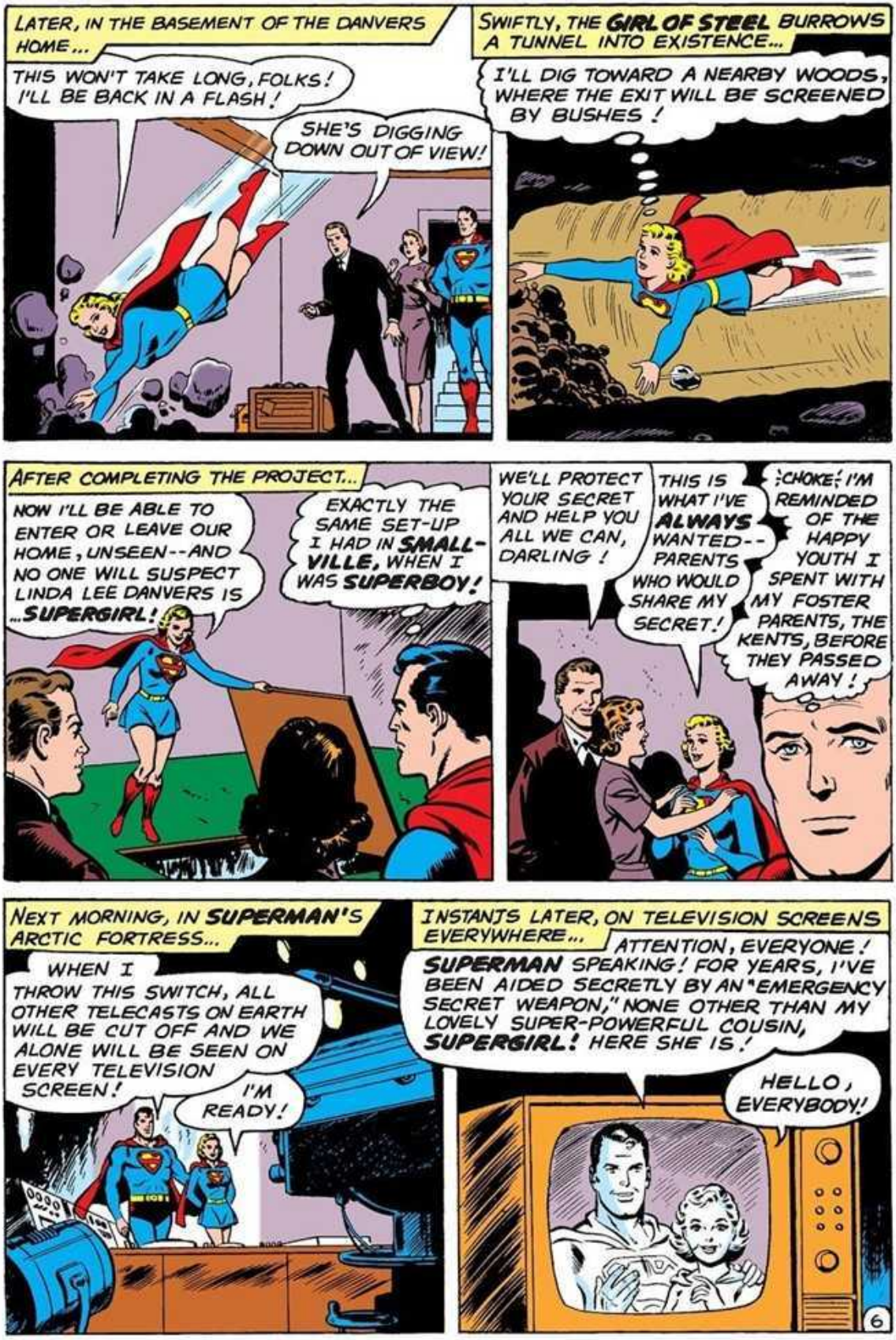
LATER, IN THE BASEMENT OF THE DANVERS HOME...
THIS WON'T TAKE LONG, FOLKS! I'LL BE BACK IN A FLASH!
SHE'S DIGGING DOWN OUT OF VIEW!
SWIFTLY, THE GIRL OF STEEL BURROWS A TUNNEL INTO EXISTENCE...
I'LL DIG TOWARD A NEARBY WOODS, WHERE THE EXIT WILL BE SCREENED BY BUSHES!
AFTER COMPLETING THE PROJECT...
NOW I'LL BE ABLE TO ENTER OR LEAVE OUR HOME, UNSEEN--AND NO ONE WILL SUSPECT LINDA LEE DANVERS IS ...SUPERGIRL!
EXACTLY THE SAME SET-UP I HAD IN SMALLVILLE, WHEN I WAS SUPERBOY!
WE'LL PROTECT YOUR SECRET AND HELP YOU ALL WE CAN, DARLING!
THIS IS WHAT I'VE ALWAYS WANTED--PARENTS WHO WOULD SHARE MY SECRET!
:CHOKE: I'M REMINDED OF THE HAPPY YOUTH I SPENT WITH MY FOSTER PARENTS, THE KENTS, BEFORE THEY PASSED AWAY!
NEXT MORNING, IN SUPERMAN'S ARCTIC FORTRESS...
WHEN I THROW THIS SWITCH, ALL OTHER TELECASTS ON EARTH WILL BE CUT OFF AND WE ALONE WILL BE SEEN ON EVERY TELEVISION SCREEN!
I'M READY!
INSTANTS LATER, ON TELEVISION SCREENS EVERYWHERE...
ATTENTION, EVERYONE! SUPERMAN SPEAKING! FOR YEARS, I'VE BEEN AIDED SECRETLY BY AN "EMERGENCY SECRET WEAPON," NONE OTHER THAN MY LOVELY SUPER-POWERFUL COUSIN, SUPERGIRL! HERE SHE IS!
HELLO, EVERYBODY!
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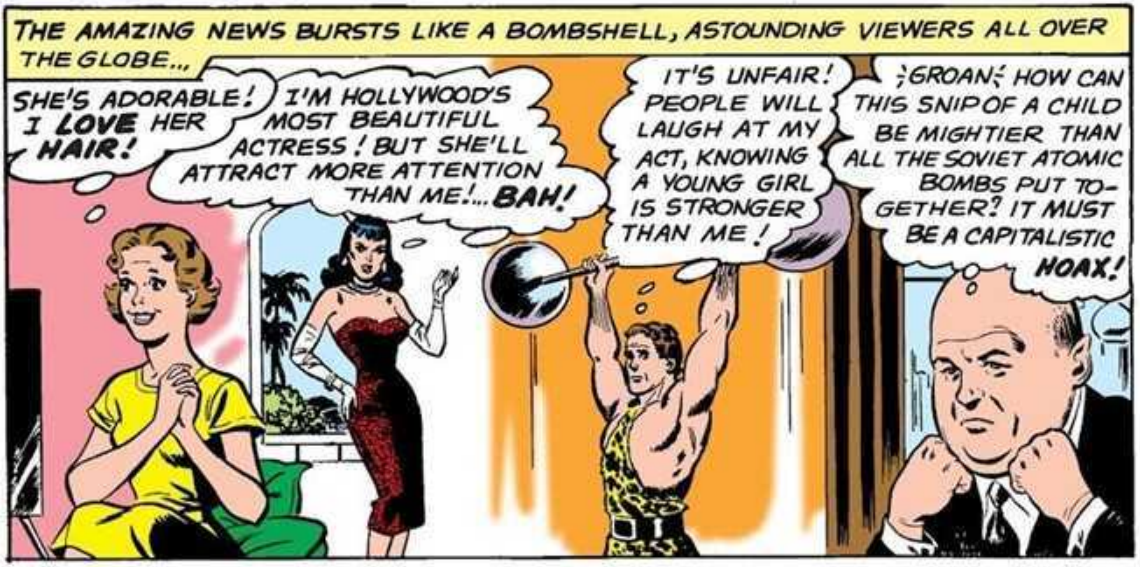
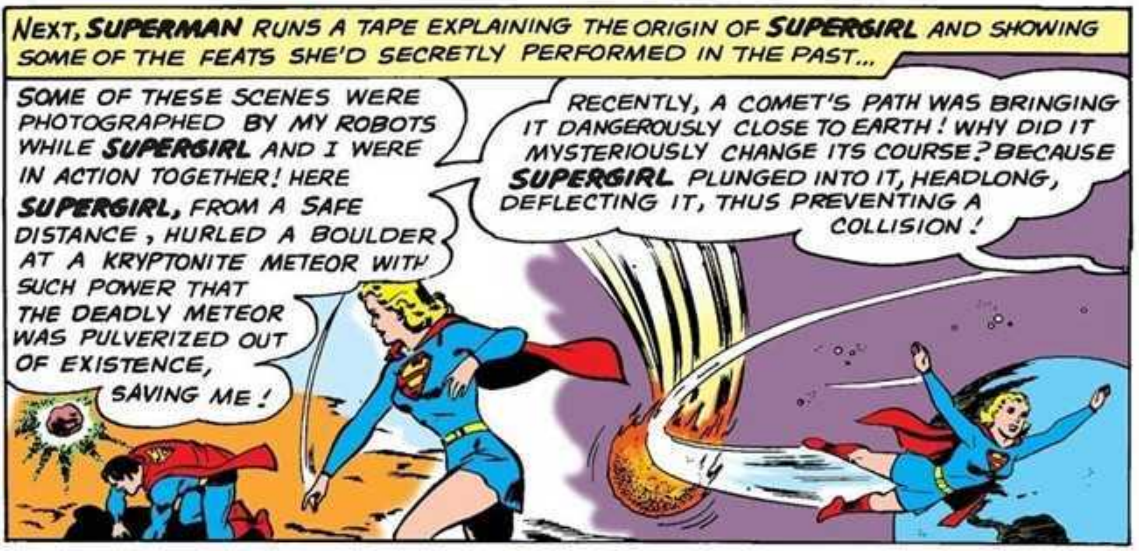
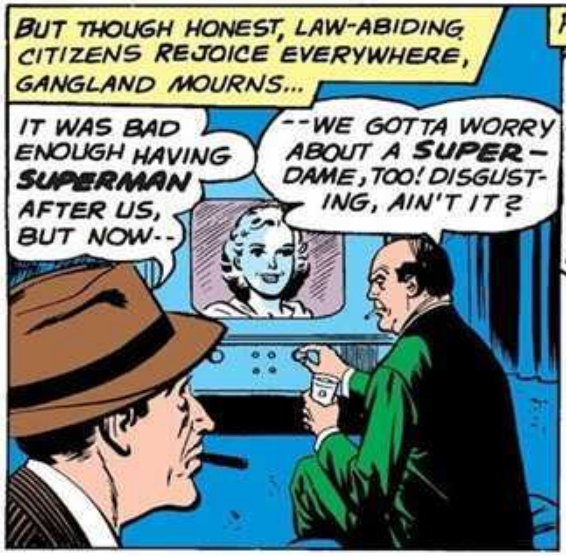

THE AMAZING NEWS BURSTS LIKE A BOMBSHELL, ASTOUNDING VIEWERS ALL OVER THE GLOBE...
SHE'S ADORABLE! I LOVE HER HAIR!
I'M HOLLYWOOD'S MOST BEAUTIFUL ACTRESS! BUT SHE'LL ATTRACT MORE ATTENTION THAN ME!... BAH!
IT'S UNFAIR! PEOPLE WILL LAUGH AT MY ACT, KNOWING A YOUNG GIRL IS STRONGER THAN ME!
;GROAN; HOW CAN THIS SNIP OF A CHILD BE MIGHTIER THAN ALL THE SOVIET ATOMIC BOMBS PUT TOGETHER? IT MUST BE A CAPITALISTIC HOAX!


NEXT, SUPERMAN RUNS A TAPE EXPLAINING THE ORIGIN OF SUPERGIRL AND SHOWING SOME OF THE FEATS SHE'D SECRETLY PERFORMED IN THE PAST...
SOME OF THESE SCENES WERE PHOTOGRAPHED BY MY ROBOTS WHILE SUPERGIRL AND I WERE IN ACTION TOGETHER! HERE SUPERGIRL, FROM A SAFE DISTANCE, HURLED A BOULDER AT A KRYPTONITE METEOR WITH SUCH POWER THAT THE DEADLY METEOR WAS PULVERIZED OUT OF EXISTENCE, SAVING ME!
RECENTLY, A COMET'S PATH WAS BRINGING IT DANGEROUSLY CLOSE TO EARTH! WHY DID IT MYSTERIOUSLY CHANGE ITS COURSE? BECAUSE SUPERGIRL PLUNGED INTO IT, HEADLONG, DEFLECTING IT, THUS PREVENTING A COLLISION!


BUT THOUGH HONEST, LAW-ABIDING CITIZENS REJOICE EVERYWHERE, GANGLAND MOURNS...
IT WAS BAD ENOUGH HAVING SUPERMAN AFTER US, BUT NOW--
--WE GOTTA WORRY ABOUT A SUPER-DAME, TOO! DISGUSTING, AIN'T IT?

PRISON CELLS BECOME EVEN GLOOMIER...
THE GRAPEVINE SAYS A SUPERGIRL HAS BEEN ANNOUNCED ON EARTH! FORGET OUR PERFECT ESCAPE PLAN!
RIGHT!! IF THAT YOUNG GIRL CAPTURED US, THE OTHER CONS WOULD NEVER STOP RAZZING US!

CONCLUDING THE TELECAST, SUPERGIRL AND SUPERMAN TOUR THE WORLD TOGETHER TO TUMULTUOUS APPLAUSE! EVERYWHERE, MILLIONS EAGERLY TURN OUT FOR A GLIMPSE OF THE TWO MIGHTIEST CRUSADERS IN THE ENTIRE UNIVERSE! NEVER BEFORE HAS THERE BEEN SUCH EXCITEMENT, AS THE ENTIRE WORLD THRILLS TO THE DISCOVERY THAT A GIRL WITH SUPER-POWERS EXISTS ON EARTH...
HOORAY FOR SUPERGIRL!
SHE'S EVERY BIT AS POWERFUL AS SUPERMAN!
SHE'S TERRIFIC! CUTE, TOO!
WHAT A SUPER-DOLL!
HOTEL W
WHAT A SUPERB COUPLE!
SHE'S GORGEOUS!
THE WORLD WILL BE A SAFER PLACE TO LIVE IN, NOW!
I'LL NEVER FORGET THIS DAY!
SHE'S BEEN AMONG US FOR YEARS, AND WE NEVER SUSPECTED! IMAGINE THAT!!
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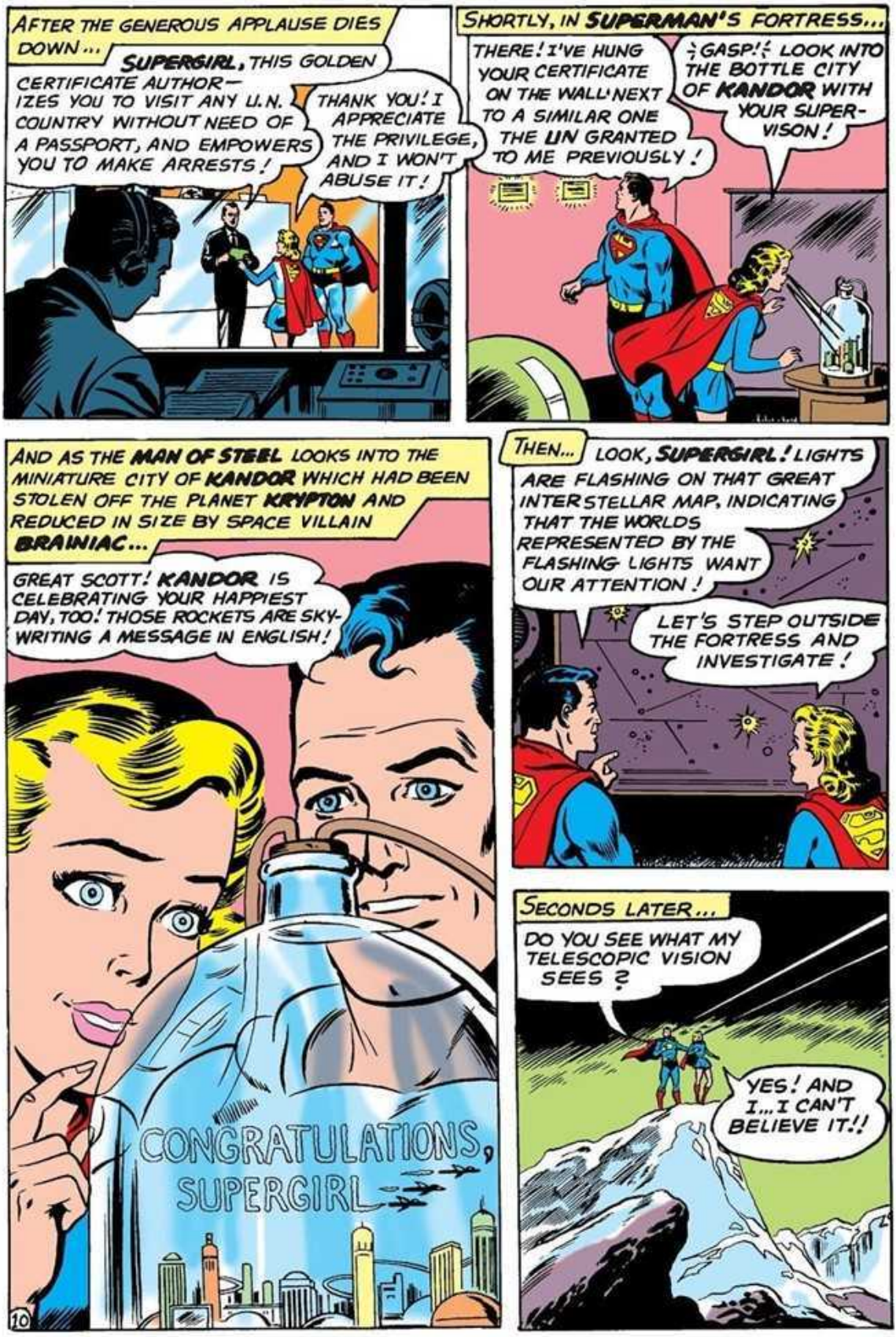
MEANWHILE, IN THE DANVERS HOME, AS HER PARENTS ENTERTAIN COMPANY...
SUPERGIRL'S WONDERFUL!
WE'RE SO PROUD! WE'D LIKE TO SHOUT TO THE WHOLE WORLD THAT THE SUPERGIRL EVERYONE ADMIRES IS OUR DAUGHTER...
...BUT WE MUSTN'T! WE'VE PROMISED TO TELL NO ONE, AND WE'LL KEEP OUR WORD... THOUGH IT ISN'T EASY!
I COULD BURST WITH PRIDE! IF OUR FRIENDS KNEW THAT SUPERGIRL IS OUR LINDA, THEY'D FAINT!
PRESENTLY, AT THE WHITE HOUSE IN WASHINGTON, D.C....
SUPERGIRL, I KNOW YOU'LL USE YOUR SUPER-POWERS NOT ONLY TO FIGHT CRIME, BUT TO PRESERVE PEACE IN OUR TROUBLED WORLD!
THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT!... I WILL!
AFTERWARD...
SUPERMAN, I'M COMPLETELY OVERWHELMED BY ALL THESE HONORS! GOODNESS! I...
YOU DESERVE THEM! BUT THE GREATEST ACCLAIM OF ALL AWAITS YOU IN THE UNITED NATIONS BUILDING BELOW!
MOMENTS LATER, INSIDE THE U.N. BUILDING, SUPERGIRL RECEIVES A STANDING OVATION FROM THE DISTINGUISHED REPRESENTATIVES OF MEMBER NATIONS...
;CHOKE!... I'M SO... OVERWHELMED! I-I'M AFRAID I'M GOING TO CRY...
PHYSICALLY, SHE'S THE MIGHTIEST FEMALE OF ALL TIME! BUT AT HEART, SHE'S AS GENTLE AND SWEET AND AS QUICK TO TEARS--AS ANY ORDINARY GIRL! I GUESS THAT'S WHY EVERYONE WHO MEETS HER LOVES HER!


AFTER THE GENEROUS APPLAUSE DIES DOWN...
SUPERGIRL, THIS GOLDEN CERTIFICATE AUTHORIZES YOU TO VISIT ANY U.N. COUNTRY WITHOUT NEED OF A PASSPORT, AND EMPOWERS YOU TO MAKE ARRESTS!
THANK YOU! I APPRECIATE THE PRIVILEGE, AND I WON'T ABUSE IT!
SHORTLY, IN SUPERMAN'S FORTRESS...
THERE! I'VE HUNG YOUR CERTIFICATE ON THE WALL NEXT TO A SIMILAR ONE THE UN GRANTED TO ME PREVIOUSLY!
GASP! LOOK INTO THE BOTTLE CITY OF KANDOR WITH YOUR SUPERVISON!
AND AS THE MAN OF STEEL LOOKS INTO THE MINIATURE CITY OF KANDOR WHICH HAD BEEN STOLEN OFF THE PLANET KRYPTON AND REDUCED IN SIZE BY SPACE VILLAIN BRAINIAC...
GREAT SCOTT! KANDOR IS CELEBRATING YOUR HAPPIEST DAY, TOO! THOSE ROCKETS ARE SKYWRITING A MESSAGE IN ENGLISH!
CONGRATULATIONS, SUPERGIRL
THEN... LOOK, SUPERGIRL! LIGHTS ARE FLASHING ON THAT GREAT INTERSTELLAR MAP, INDICATING THAT THE WORLDS REPRESENTED BY THE FLASHING LIGHTS WANT OUR ATTENTION!
LET'S STEP OUTSIDE THE FORTRESS AND INVESTIGATE!
SECONDS LATER...
DO YOU SEE WHAT MY TELESCOPIC VISION SEES?
YES! AND I... I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!!
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ON VARIOUS WORLDS WHICH HAVE BEEN MONITORING EARTH AND SIGNALED FOR THE SUPER-DUO'S ATTENTION, INCREDIBLE CELEBRATIONS ARE BEING STAGED...
GASP!! LOOK! ON THE PLANET NYORP, WHERE EVERYONE HAS DUPLICATION POWERS, EVERY LIVING CREATURE HAS TRANSFORMED ITSELF INTO A DUPLICATE SUPERGIRL IN MY HONOR! OH, MY! FORTUNATELY, THEIR DUPLICATION POWERS ENDURE FOR ONLY A FEW MINUTES!
NEXT, THEY SIGHT ON THE PLANET MRINGA...
THE FLAME-PEOPLE ARE DANCING ABOUT A COLOSSAL STATUE OF ME THEY BUILT! EONS FROM NOW, IF THE ORIGIN OF THE STATUE IS FORGOTTEN, I MAY BE CONSIDERED A GODDESS!
SUDDENLY, THE SPACE-SCANNING IS INTERRUPTED BY...
LORI LEMARIS TELEPATHICALLY CONTACTING SUPERGIRL AND SUPERMAN! PLEASE LOOK INTO... ATLANTIS!
LORI IS THE MERMAID SUPERMAN ONCE LOVED IN VAIN! THOUGH SHE MARRIED ANOTHER, THEY'VE REMAINED FRIENDS!
SKYWARD HURTLE MAN OF STEEL AND GIRL OF STEEL, AND AS THEIR SUPER-VISION PIERCES TOWARD OCEANIC DEPTHS...
DOWN BELOW IS ATLANTIS!
FABULOUS!
THE CELEBRATING ATLANTIDES HAVE CONSTRUCTED A "SUPER-MERMAID EXHIBIT" ... IN MEMORY OF WHEN I WAS TEMPORARILY TRANSFORMED INTO A SUPER-MERMAID BY RED KRYPTONITE!--GOSH, EVERYONE'S HONORING THE REVELATION OF MY EXISTENCE ON EARTH!
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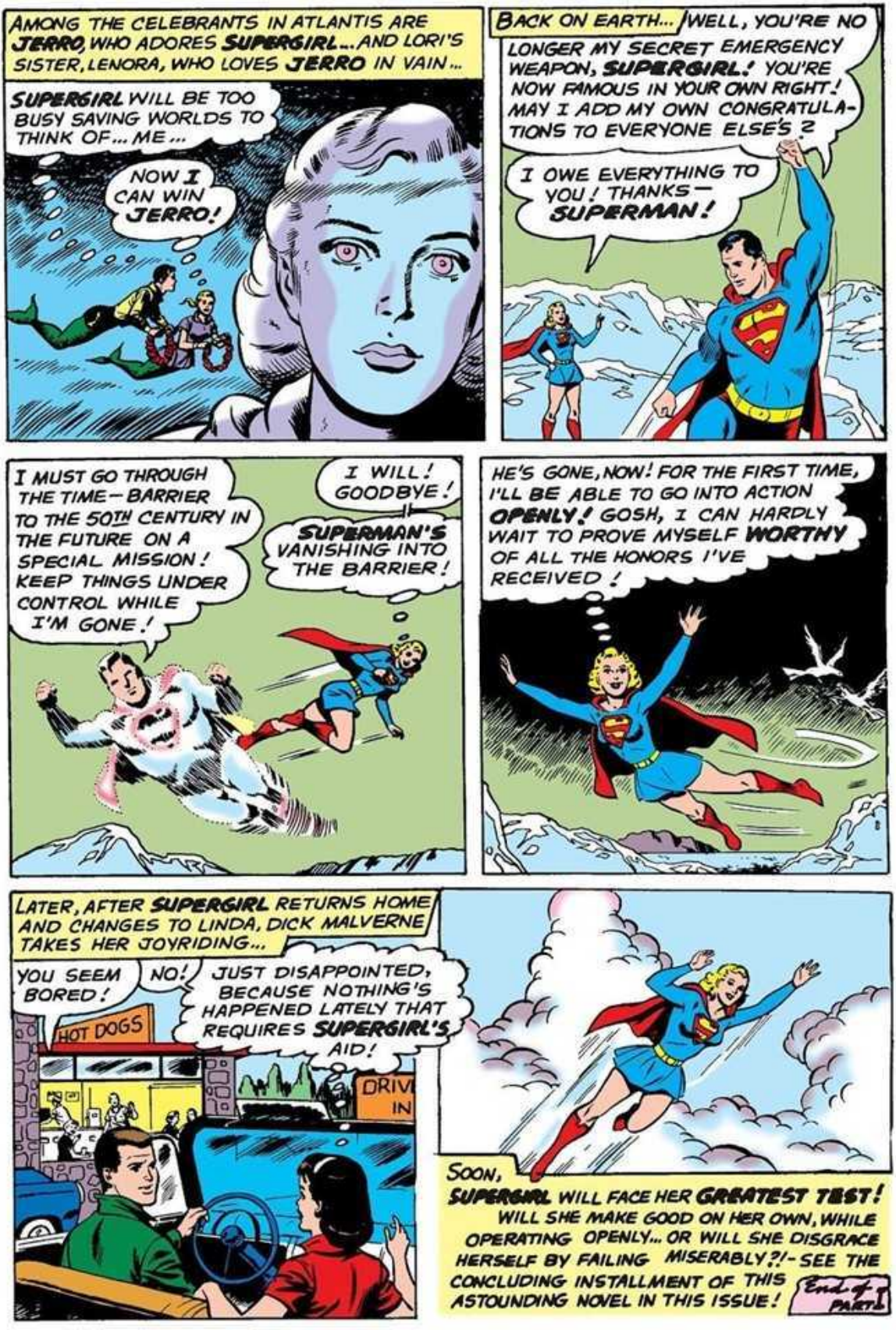
AMONG THE CELEBRANTS IN ATLANTIS ARE JERRO, WHO ADORES SUPERGIRL... AND LORI'S SISTER, LENORA, WHO LOVES JERRO IN VAIN...
SUPERGIRL WILL BE TOO BUSY SAVING WORLDS TO THINK OF... ME...
NOW I CAN WIN JERRO!
BACK ON EARTH... WELL, YOU'RE NO LONGER MY SECRET EMERGENCY WEAPON, SUPERGIRL! YOU'RE NOW FAMOUS IN YOUR OWN RIGHT! MAY I ADD MY OWN CONGRATULATIONS TO EVERYONE ELSE'S?
I OWE EVERYTHING TO YOU! THANKS— SUPERMAN!
I MUST GO THROUGH THE TIME—BARRIER TO THE 50TH CENTURY IN THE FUTURE ON A SPECIAL MISSION! KEEP THINGS UNDER CONTROL WHILE I'M GONE!
I WILL! GOODBYE!
SUPERMAN'S VANISHING INTO THE BARRIER!
HE'S GONE, NOW! FOR THE FIRST TIME, I'LL BE ABLE TO GO INTO ACTION OPENLY! GOSH, I CAN HARDLY WAIT TO PROVE MYSELF WORTHY OF ALL THE HONORS I'VE RECEIVED!
LATER, AFTER SUPERGIRL RETURNS HOME AND CHANGES TO LINDA, DICK MALVERNE TAKES HER JOYRIDING...
YOU SEEM BORED!
NO! JUST DISAPPOINTED, BECAUSE NOTHING'S HAPPENED LATELY THAT REQUIRES SUPERGIRL'S AID!
HOT DOGS
DRIVE IN
SOON, SUPERGIRL WILL FACE HER GREATEST TEST! WILL SHE MAKE GOOD ON HER OWN, WHILE OPERATING OPENLY... OR WILL SHE DISGRACE HERSELF BY FAILING MISERABLY?!- SEE THE CONCLUDING INSTALLMENT OF THIS ASTOUNDING NOVEL IN THIS ISSUE!
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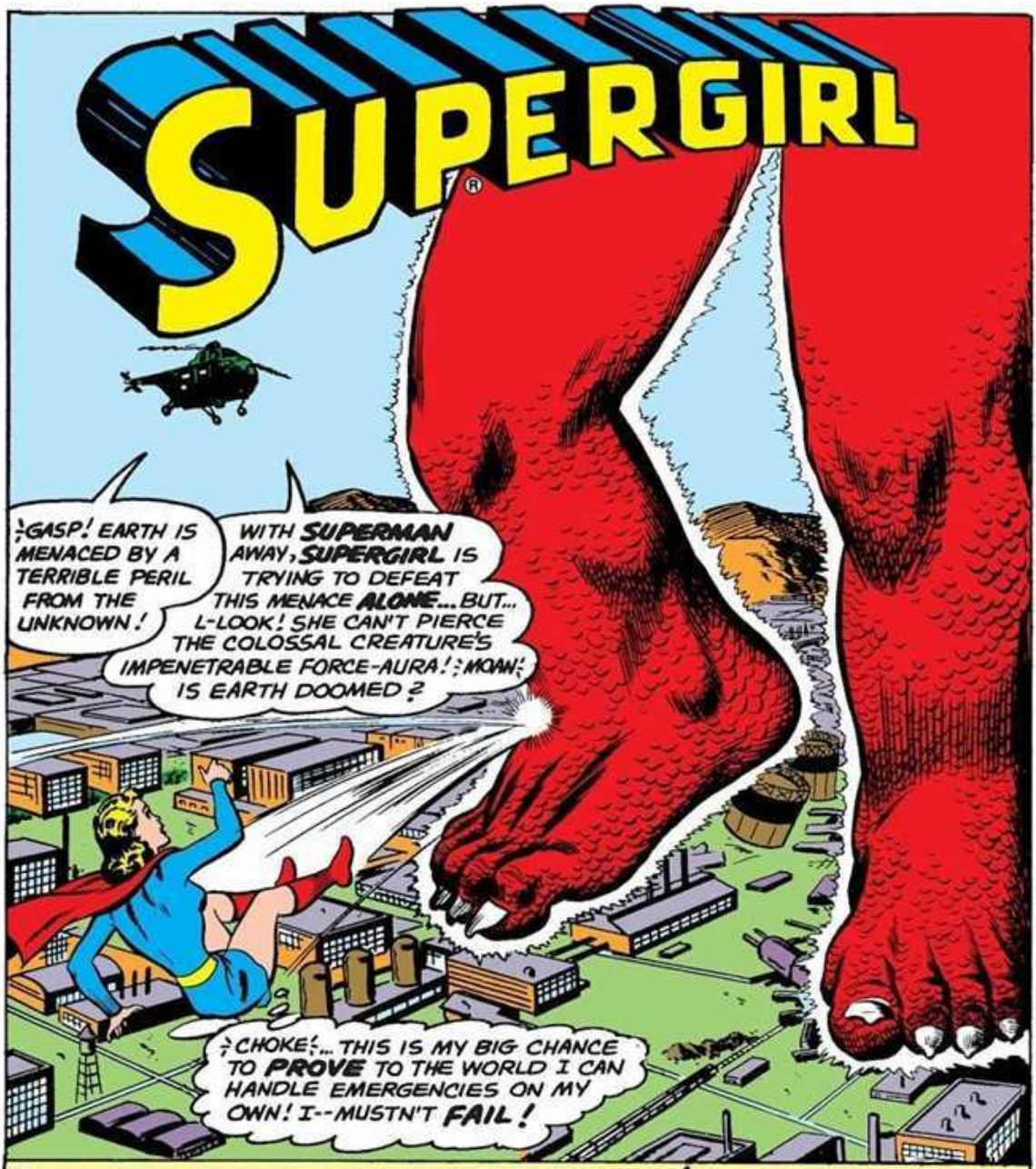
SUPERGIRL®
¡GASP! EARTH IS MENACED BY A TERRIBLE PERIL FROM THE UNKNOWN!
WITH SUPERMAN AWAY, SUPERGIRL IS TRYING TO DEFEAT THIS MENACE ALONE... BUT... L-LOOK! SHE CAN'T PIERCE THE COLOSSAL CREATURE'S IMPENETRABLE FORCE-AURA! ¡MOAN! IS EARTH DOOMED?
¡CHOKE!... THIS IS MY BIG CHANCE TO PROVE TO THE WORLD I CAN HANDLE EMERGENCIES ON MY OWN! I--MUSTN'T FAIL!

IN THE FIRST PART OF THIS STARTLING TWO-PART NOVEL, WE SAW **SUPERGIRL**'S LONG-TIME DESIRE TO HAVE HER SECRET EXISTENCE ON EARTH MADE KNOWN TO THE WORLD FINALLY COME TRUE! PEOPLE EVERYWHERE OPENED THEIR HEARTS TO THE **GIRL OF STEEL**, ENTHUSIASTICALLY WELCOMING THE PRESENCE OF A **SUPERGIRL** ON EARTH! BUT NOW THAT THE CHEERS AND EXCITEMENT HAVE DIED DOWN, THE QUESTION REMAINS... WILL **SUPERGIRL** BE ABLE TO MAKE GOOD ON HER OWN WITHOUT THE AID OF HER COUSIN **SUPERMAN**? IT'S A PROBLEM THE **GIRL OF STEEL** HAS TO FACE ALMOST IMMEDIATELY, WHEN SHE IS SUDDENLY CONFRONTED BY...

The INFINITE MONSTER!

PART 2

ON A SOUTH PACIFIC ISLE, DURING A SUPER-SECRET EXPERIMENT...
NO RESPONSE YET, PROF. HARTZ!
WE MUST KEEP TRYING, KARL! I'M SURE THIS EQUIPMENT WE'VE DEVELOPED WILL ENABLE US TO COMMUNICATE WITH OTHER WORLDS!
MOMENTS LATER, INSIDE THE HUT...
LOOK, PROFESSOR! UP THERE! IT LOOKS LIKE A RIP IN THE SKY!
LET'S GO OUT AND INVESTIGATE!
SECONDS AFTERWARD...
GIGANTIC, SCALY LEGS, SURROUNDED BY A GLOWING AURA, ARE DROPPING DOWN! THAT RIP MUST BE A SPACE-WARP BRIDGING TWO CO-EXISTING UNIVERSES! OUR INVENTION OPENED THE WARP CAUSING A MONSTER TO DROP INTO THIS UNIVERSE!
WE ONLY SEE LEGS... BECAUSE THE INFINITE MONSTER IS SO INCREDIBLY GIGANTIC THAT OUR EYES CAN'T SEE ALL OF ITS UNBELIEVABLY HUGE BODY! A U.S. NAVAL BATTLE FLEET IS NEARBY ON WAR GAME MANEUVERS! WE MUST WIRE FOR HELP!!
SPEEDILY RESPONDING TO THE WIRED APPEAL, THE FLOTILLA ARRIVES, AND ATTACKS... TO NO AVAIL...
NOTHING HARMS IT! OUR WEAPONS BOUNCE HARMLESSLY OFF ITS PROTECTIVE-AURA! ONLY SUPERMAN CAN SAVE US!
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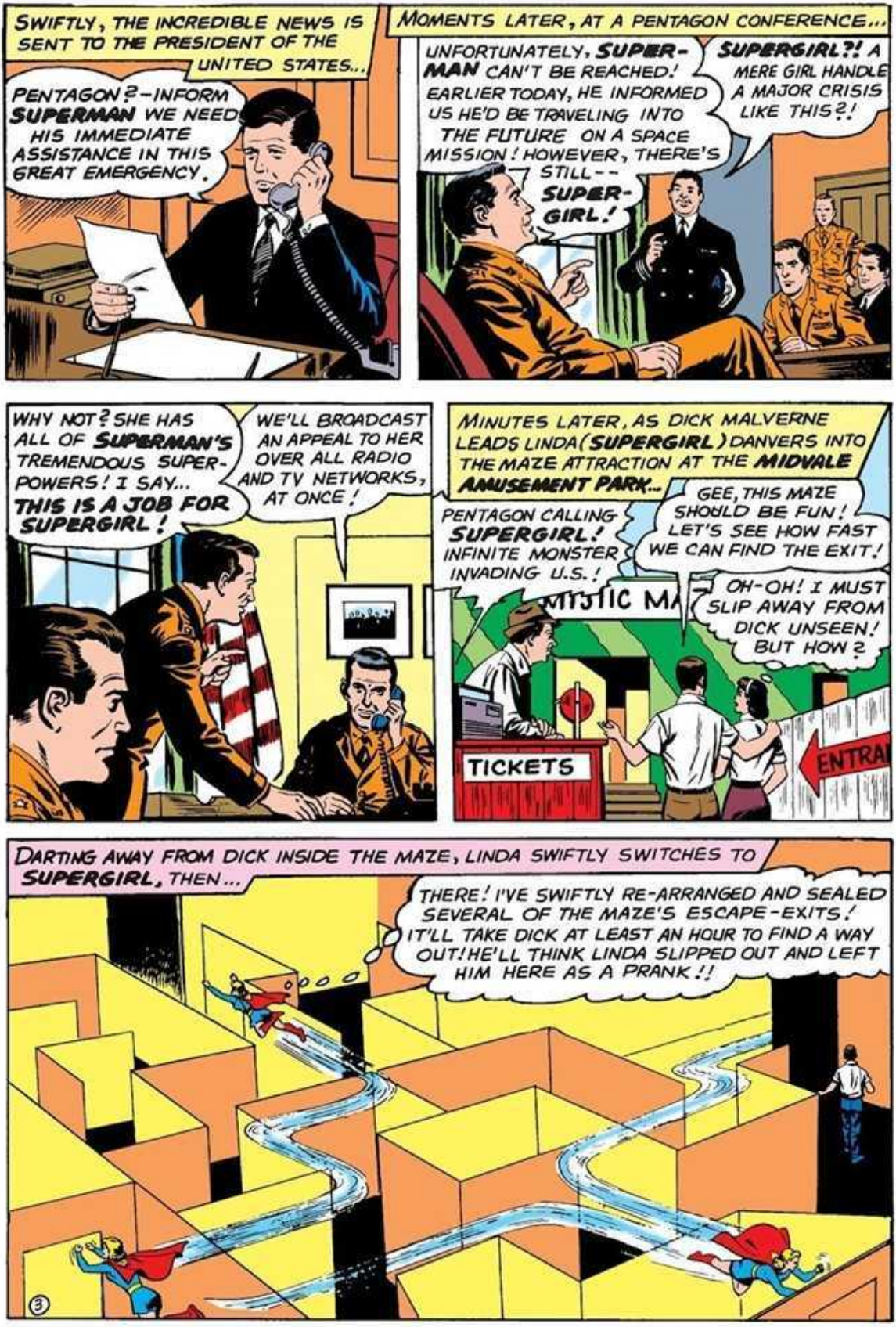
SWIFTLY, THE INCREDIBLE NEWS IS SENT TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES...
PENTAGON?—INFORM SUPERMAN WE NEED HIS IMMEDIATE ASSISTANCE IN THIS GREAT EMERGENCY.
MOMENTS LATER, AT A PENTAGON CONFERENCE...
UNFORTUNATELY, SUPERMAN CAN'T BE REACHED! EARLIER TODAY, HE INFORMED US HE'D BE TRAVELING INTO THE FUTURE ON A SPACE MISSION! HOWEVER, THERE'S STILL-- SUPERGIRL!
SUPERGIRL?! A MERE GIRL HANDLE A MAJOR CRISIS LIKE THIS?!
WHY NOT? SHE HAS ALL OF SUPERMAN'S TREMENDOUS SUPER-POWERS! I SAY... THIS IS A JOB FOR SUPERGIRL!
WE'LL BROADCAST AN APPEAL TO HER OVER ALL RADIO AND TV NETWORKS, AT ONCE!
MINUTES LATER, AS DICK MALVERNE LEADS LINDA (SUPERGIRL) DANVERS INTO THE MAZE ATTRACTION AT THE MIDVALE AMUSEMENT PARK...
PENTAGON CALLING SUPERGIRL! INFINITE MONSTER INVADING U.S.!
GEE, THIS MAZE SHOULD BE FUN! LET'S SEE HOW FAST WE CAN FIND THE EXIT!
OH-OH! I MUST SLIP AWAY FROM DICK UNSEEN! BUT HOW?
TICKETS
DARTING AWAY FROM DICK INSIDE THE MAZE, LINDA SWIFTLY SWITCHES TO SUPERGIRL, THEN...
THERE! I'VE SWIFTLY RE-ARRANGED AND SEALED SEVERAL OF THE MAZE'S ESCAPE-EXITS! IT'LL TAKE DICK AT LEAST AN HOUR TO FIND A WAY OUT! HE'LL THINK LINDA SLIPPED OUT AND LEFT HIM HERE AS A PRANK!!
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OUT OF THE OCEAN, AND ONTO LAND, STRIDE THE TITANIC SCALED FEET...
IT'S NO USE! OUR BULLETS CAN'T TOUCH IT!
SHIPPING
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MEANWHILE, AS SUPERGIRL STREAKS TOWARD THE MENACE...
HERE'S WHERE I HAVE A CHANCE TO PROVE TO SUPERMAN I DESERVED HAVING MY EXISTENCE ANNOUNCED TO THE WORLD! GOSH, HOW'LL I HANDLE AN INFINITE MONSTER? HMM! I REMEMBER ANOTHER OCCASION WHEN I WAS PITTED AGAINST AN ASTOUNDING CREATURE!

"ON THE PLANET LONAR, A GREAT BEAST, AWAKENING AFTER CENTURIES OF SLUMBER TUNNELED UP INTO LONAR'S GREAT CITY. I JUGGLED COLORED GEMS HYPNOTICALLY PUTTING THE CREATURE TO SLEEP, THEN CAGED HIM..."

BUT WHAT WILL I BE UP AGAINST WHEN BATTLING WHAT HAS BEEN DESCRIBED AS AN "INFINITE" MONSTER?... WHAT STRATEGY WILL I USE AGAINST THIS TYPE OF FANTASTIC OPPONENT? I WONDER!

MEANWHILE, AT MIDVALE ORPHANAGE, WHERE SUPERGIRL HAD FORMERLY LIVED AS AN ORPHAN IN HER LINDA IDENTITY...
EEE! G-GIANT FEET!
MIDVALE ORPHANAGE
EVERYTHING'S BEING CRUSHED IN ITS PATH! —HOW-- TERRIBLE!!
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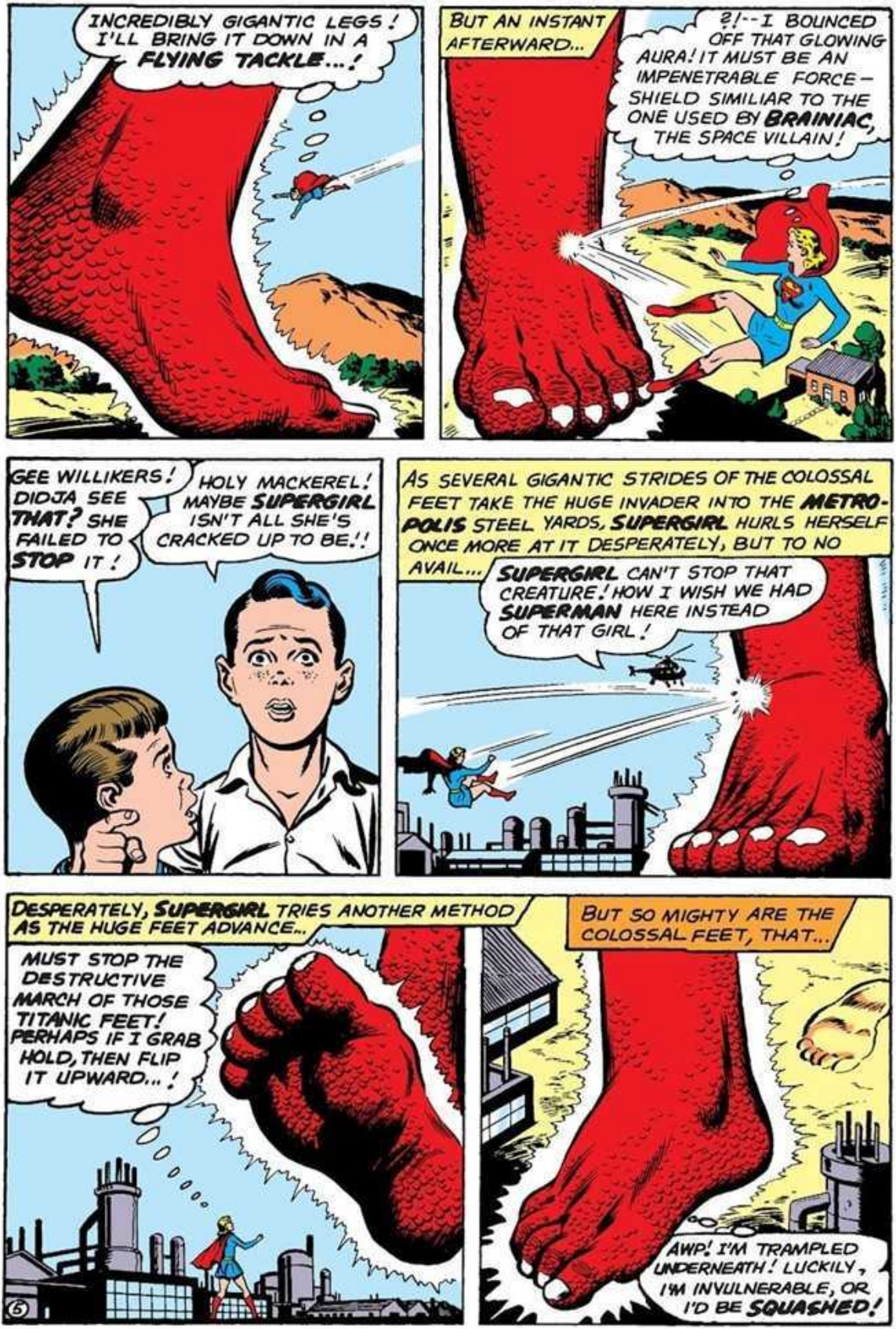
DON'T BE SCARED, MRS. HART! LOOK-- HERE COMES THE SUPERGIRL WE ALL SAW ON TV!
SHE'LL GIVE THOSE BIG FEET A SUPER-HOT-FOOT!
GO GET 'IM, SUPERGIRL!


INCREDIBLY GIGANTIC LEGS! I'LL BRING IT DOWN IN A FLYING TACKLE...!
BUT AN INSTANT AFTERWARD...
?!--I BOUNCED OFF THAT GLOWING AURA! IT MUST BE AN IMPENETRABLE FORCE-SHIELD SIMILIAR TO THE ONE USED BY BRAINIAC, THE SPACE VILLAIN!
GEE WILLIKERS! DIDJA SEE THAT? SHE FAILED TO STOP IT!
HOLY MACKEREL! MAYBE SUPERGIRL ISN'T ALL SHE'S CRACKED UP TO BE!!
AS SEVERAL GIGANTIC STRIDES OF THE COLOSSAL FEET TAKE THE HUGE INVADER INTO THE METROPOLIS STEEL YARDS, SUPERGIRL HURLS HERSELF ONCE MORE AT IT DESPERATELY, BUT TO NO AVAIL...
SUPERGIRL CAN'T STOP THAT CREATURE! HOW I WISH WE HAD SUPERMAN HERE INSTEAD OF THAT GIRL!
DESPERATELY, SUPERGIRL TRIES ANOTHER METHOD AS THE HUGE FEET ADVANCE...
MUST STOP THE DESTRUCTIVE MARCH OF THOSE TITANIC FEET! PERHAPS IF I GRAB HOLD, THEN FLIP IT UPWARD...!
BUT SO MIGHTY ARE THE COLOSSAL FEET, THAT...
AWP! I'M TRAMPLED UNDERNEATH! LUCKILY, I'M INVULNERABLE, OR I'D BE SQUASHED!
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I'VE NEVER BEEN UP AGAINST ANYTHING LIKE THIS! I WONDER WHAT SUPERMAN WOULD DO IF HE WERE HERE?!
AS SUPERGIRL PURSUES THE FOE TO METROPOLIS' OUTSKIRTS...
MOAN! HOW TRAGIC THAT SUPERMAN HIMSELF ISN'T HERE AT A TIME LIKE THIS! WAS HE UNWISE TO ENTRUST SUPERGIRL WITH THE FATE OF THE WORLD?
EARTH IS DOOMED!
MY SUPER-HEARING OVERHEARD THOSE DOUBTING REMARKS ABOUT MY ABILITY! I-I'VE GOT TO MAKE GOOD! HMM... I THINK I KNOW WHAT TO DO NOW!
SCRAP METAL
BUILDING A CAPSULE FROM SCRAP METAL, SUPERGIRL WRITES A NOTE WITH MATERIALS TAKEN FROM HER CAPE'S POUCH, THEN...
I NEED ASSISTANCE, BUT THE ONE PERSON WHO CAN HELP ME LIVES IN THE DISTANT FUTURE! THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO CONTACT HIM!
I'M HURLING THE CAPSULE SO SWIFTLY, IT'S VANISHING INTO THE TIME-BARRIER! IT'S STREAKING AT SUCH SUPER-SPEED THAT IT CAN'T BE DESTROYED BY FRICTION WITH THE AIR!
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THROUGH THE TIME-BARRIER WHIZZES THE MESSAGE CAPSULE...
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EXPERTLY GUIDED BY SUPERGIRL'S TOSS, IT EMERGES INTO THE CITY OF METROPOLIS 1,000 YEARS IN THE FUTURE, AND STREAKS NEAR THE CLUBHOUSE OF THE "LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES"...
IS IT A WEAPON?
NO, LIGHTNING LAD! MY MENTAL POWERS SENSE IT'S A MESSAGE FROM SOMEONE WHO URGENTLY NEEDS AID!
POSSIBLY I'M WRONG, BUT I... I FEEL IT'S FROM -- SUPER-GIRL!
IN THAT CASE, SATURN GIRL, I, COSMIC BOY -- WILL LOWER IT GENTLY WITH MY MAGNETIC POWERS!
SHORTLY, AS BRAINIAC 5, AN UP-HOLDER OF THE LAW, EVEN THOUGH HE IS THE GREAT - GREAT-GREAT-GREAT-GRANDSON OF SPACE VILLAIN BRAINIAC, READS HER MESSAGE...
HOW GOOD TO HEAR FROM SUPERGIRL! I MET HER ONCE IN OUR TIME AND FELL IN LOVE WITH HER! I'LL SEND HER WHAT SHE WANTS IMMEDIATELY!
AND SO, IN THE PRESENT, A SPLIT-INSTANT AFTER HER MESSAGE CAPSULE HAD VANISHED FROM VIEW, SUPERGIRL SEES...
A SMALL TIME-GLOBE IS MATERIALIZING! BRAINIAC 5 IS ANSWERING MY REQUEST! MY SUPER-VISION SEES A RAY DEVICE INSIDE WITH A NOTE ATTACHED!
AND AS THE TIME-MACHINE ALIGHTS...
GASP! OH, NO! THE INFINITE MONSTER STEPPED ON IT, UTTERLY DESTROYING THE TIME-GLOBE AND ITS CONTENTS! WAIT! I'M NOT LICKED YET!
KR-RUNCHH
INSIDE THE HOVERING OBSERVATION HELICOPTER...
WHAT'S SHE DOING??
SHE APPEARS TO BE CONSTRUCTING A STRANGE DEVICE OUT OF SCRAP METAL, AT SUPER-SPEED! WHAT...?!
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INSTANTS LATER...
DONE! MY PHOTOGRAPHIC MEMORY AND MY SUPER-SPEED ENABLED ME TO RECONSTRUCT THE RAY-MECHANISM BRAINIAC 5 SENT ME FROM THE FUTURE! FORTUNATELY, MY SUPER-VISION OBSERVED ITS CONSTRUCTION!
NOW TO SHINE BRAINIAC 5'S RAY ON THE INFINITE MONSTER! AH--IT'S STARTING TO WORK! THE COLOSSAL CREATURE IS BEGINNING TO DWINDLE IN SIZE!
MY HUNCH WAS CORRECT THAT BRAINIAC 5 MIGHT HAVE A SHRINKING RAY SIMILAR TO THE ONE HIS ANCESTOR USED IN REDUCING THE KRYPTONIAN CITY OF KANDOR DOWN TO MINIATURE SIZE!
SECONDS LATER...
SUCCESS! I SHRANK THE INFINITE MONSTER DOWN INTO AN INFINITESIMAL CREATURE! IT'S SO TINY NOW THAT IT CAN HARM NO ONE!
OFF TO SUPERMAN'S ARCTIC FORTRESS FLASHES THE GIRL OF STEEL...
THE DAMAGE THIS MONSTER CAUSED WAS ACCIDENTAL, AND SO I DON'T WANT TO HARM IT! I'LL PUT IT WHERE IT'LL BE SAFE!
SHORTLY...
SATISFIED, GENTLEMEN?
YOU'RE EVERY BIT AS RESOURCEFUL AND TERRIFIC AS YOUR COUSIN SUPERMAN... CONGRATULATIONS!

SOON, WITHIN THE FORTRESS... THE CREATURE WILL REMAIN INSIDE THIS BOTTLE, NEAR THE BOTTLE-CITY OF KANDOR! IT'LL BE ANOTHER OF THE FASCINATING TROPHIES IN THE FORTRESS!
THERE WAS A NOTE, WRITTEN ON A TAG ATTACHED TO THE SHRINKING RAY, WHICH WAS DESTROYED IN THE TIME-GLOBE! NOW TO RECALL ITS CONTENTS WITH MY PHOTOGRAPHIC MEMORY!
WHAT SUPERGIRL'S MEMORY RECALLS...
Here is the shrinking Ray you requested, Supergirl! I can't send you a growth ray to enlarge Kandor-- Only my ancestor Brainiac knew how to build that ray... He won't reveal the secret to anyone! Brainiac 5
HOW SWEET OF BRAINIAC 5 TO HAVE BEEN SO HELPFUL! IT'S AMAZING HOW THE GREAT-GREAT- GREAT-GREAT GRAND-SON OF SOMEONE AS BLACK-HEARTED AS BRAINIAC COULD BE SO DARLING!
MEANWHILE, IN THE DISTANT FUTURE, AT A MEETING OF THE SUPER-HERO CLUB, AS THE LEGIONNAIRES WATCH THE SCREEN OF THEIR TIME-SCOPE WHICH CAN PEER INTO THE PAST...
I'M GLAD I WAS ABLE TO AID SUPER-GIRL!
HOW HAPPY SHE IS TO HAVE BEEN PUBLICLY REVEALED AT LAST!
WELL, FELLOW MEMBERS, THE TIME HAS COME FOR US TO REMOVE THE LEAD PLATE OFF THE BASE OF THIS SUPERGIRL STATUE!
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NOW THERE'S NO LONGER ANY NEED TO HIDE THE LETTERING BEHIND THE METAL PLATE FROM SUPERGIRL'S VISION WHENEVER SHE VISITS US!
PREVIOUSLY WE USED A LEAD PLATE BECAUSE HER X-RAY VISION CAN'T PENETRATE THAT METAL!
MOMENTS LATER...
WE DIDN'T WANT SUPERGIRL TO KNOW WHEN HER EXISTENCE WAS REVEALED! IT WOULD HAVE SPOILED SUPERMAN'S PLAN TO SURPRISE HER!
YEAR OF SUPERGIRL'S ARRIVAL ON EARTH 1959
YEAR SUPERGIRL'S EXISTENCE WAS REVEALED ON EARTH 1962
MEANWHILE, IN OUR TIME-ERA, AS SUPER GIRL RETURNS TOWARD THE U.S....
HMM--THE RIP" IN THE SKY WHICH WAS A WARP IN SPACE CONNECTING THE TWO CO-EXISTING UNIVERSES HAS HEALED ITSELF! GOOD! THERE'S NO DANGER OF ANY MORE INFINITE CREATURES DROPPING THROUGH AND MENACING LIFE IN THIS UNIVERSE!
SHORTLY, AS THE GIRL OF STEEL STREAKS TOWARD THE PENTAGON...
GASP!! A 21-GUN SALUTE! AND THE SOLDIERS ARE SALUTING ME! GOODNESS... HOW THRILLING!
PRESENTLY, AT THE PENTAGON...
SUPERGIRL, YOU HANDLED THE INFINITE MONSTER EMERGENCY MAGNIFICENTLY! WE'RE EXTREMELY GRATEFUL TO YOU! THE PRESIDENT WANTS TO THANK YOU PERSONALLY AT A PARTY IN YOUR HONOR!
SHORTLY, ON THE WHITE HOUSE LAWN...
YOU'RE AS RESOURCEFUL AS YOU ARE LOVELY, SUPERGIRL! THANKS A MILLION!
THE PRESIDENT'S WIFE LOOKS-- GORGEOUS!
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I-I'LL NEVER FORGET THIS WONDERFUL PARTY! CONGRESS RECESSED, SO THE LEGISLATORS COULD ATTEND! GREAT SCOTT--L-LOOK WHO'S APPROACHING!
SUPERGIRL, THIS IS A DELEGATION OF CHILDREN FROM MIDVALE ORPHANAGE! THEY'VE COME TO GIVE YOU SOMETHING...
WE ALL CHIPPED IN TO BUY YOU A BOUQUET! WE THINK YOU'RE MARVELOUS!
THANK YOU, VERY MUCH!!
CHOKE
THIS MEANS MORE TO ME THAN ALL THE OTHER HONORS! LITTLE DO THESE KIDS REALIZE I WAS ONCE ONE OF THEM AT THE ORPHANAGE, IN MY SECRET IDENTITY OF LINDA!
AS SUPERMAN RETURNS FROM THE FUTURE, SUPERGIRL JOINS HIM AT THE FORTRESS IN RESPONSE TO HIS SUPER-VENTRILOQUISTIC SUMMONS, AND SHE BRINGS...
GREAT SCOTT! WHAT'S ALL THIS?!
GIFTS FROM ADMIRERS! I HOPE YOU DON'T MIND MY HAVING BROUGHT THEM HERE!
AFTER SUPERMAN LEARNS HOW THE GIRL OF STEEL HAD HANDLED THE MENACE OF THE INFINITE MONSTER...
WELL DONE, SUPERGIRL!--AND NOW I'M GOING TO MAKE ANOTHER TV ANNOUNCEMENT TO THE WORLD!
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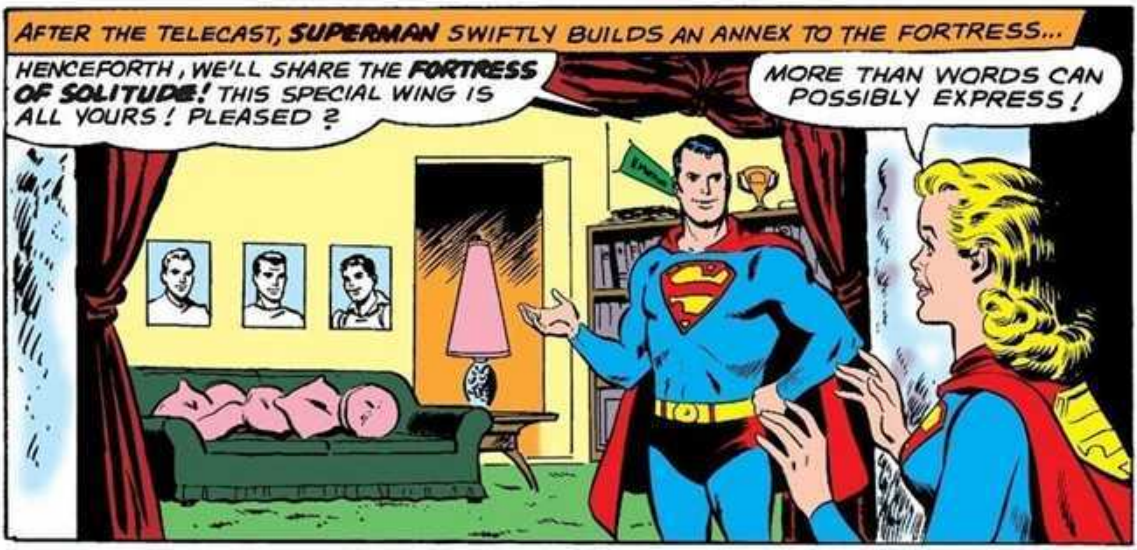
SECONDS LATER, ON TV SETS EVERYWHERE...
SUPERMAN SPEAKING! I'M PROUD OF THE WAY SUPERGIRL HANDLED THAT DIRE EMERGENCY WHILE I WAS GONE! FROM NOW ON, WE'RE GOING TO BE A TEAM, SHE AND I...

WHENEVER ONE OF US JOURNEYS INTO THE FUTURE OR THE PAST... OFF INTO OUTER SPACE... OR INTO ANOTHER DIMENSIONAL WORLD... THE OTHER WILL CONTINUE TO PATROL EARTH!
EARTH'S SECURITY WILL BE STRENGTHENED! HAVE YOU ANYTHING TO ADD, SUPERGIRL?
ONLY THAT YOU'RE THE MOST WONDERFUL PARTNER ANYONE EVER HAD! I'LL ALWAYS BE GRATEFUL TO YOU!


AFTER THE TELECAST, SUPERMAN SWIFTLY BUILDS AN ANNEX TO THE FORTRESS...
HENCEFORTH, WE'LL SHARE THE FORTRESS OF SOLITUDE! THIS SPECIAL WING IS ALL YOURS! PLEASED?
MORE THAN WORDS CAN POSSIBLY EXPRESS!

LATER, AS SUPERGIRL RETURNS TO MIDVALE...
HI, MOM AND DAD!
TO OTHERS, SHE'S THE WORLD'S GREATEST HEROINE, BUT SHE'S MORE THAN THAT TO US! SHE'S THE DAUGHTER WE DEARLY LOVE!
WELCOME HOME, SUPERGIRL!
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AFTER SUPERGIRL SWITCHES TO HER OTHER IDENTITY...
I'M SO HAPPY! I'M NO LONGER JUST SUPERMAN'S EMERGENCY WEAPON! NOW I'M HIS PARTNER! GOLLY, THINGS'LL BE VERY DIFFERENT FROM NOW ON!
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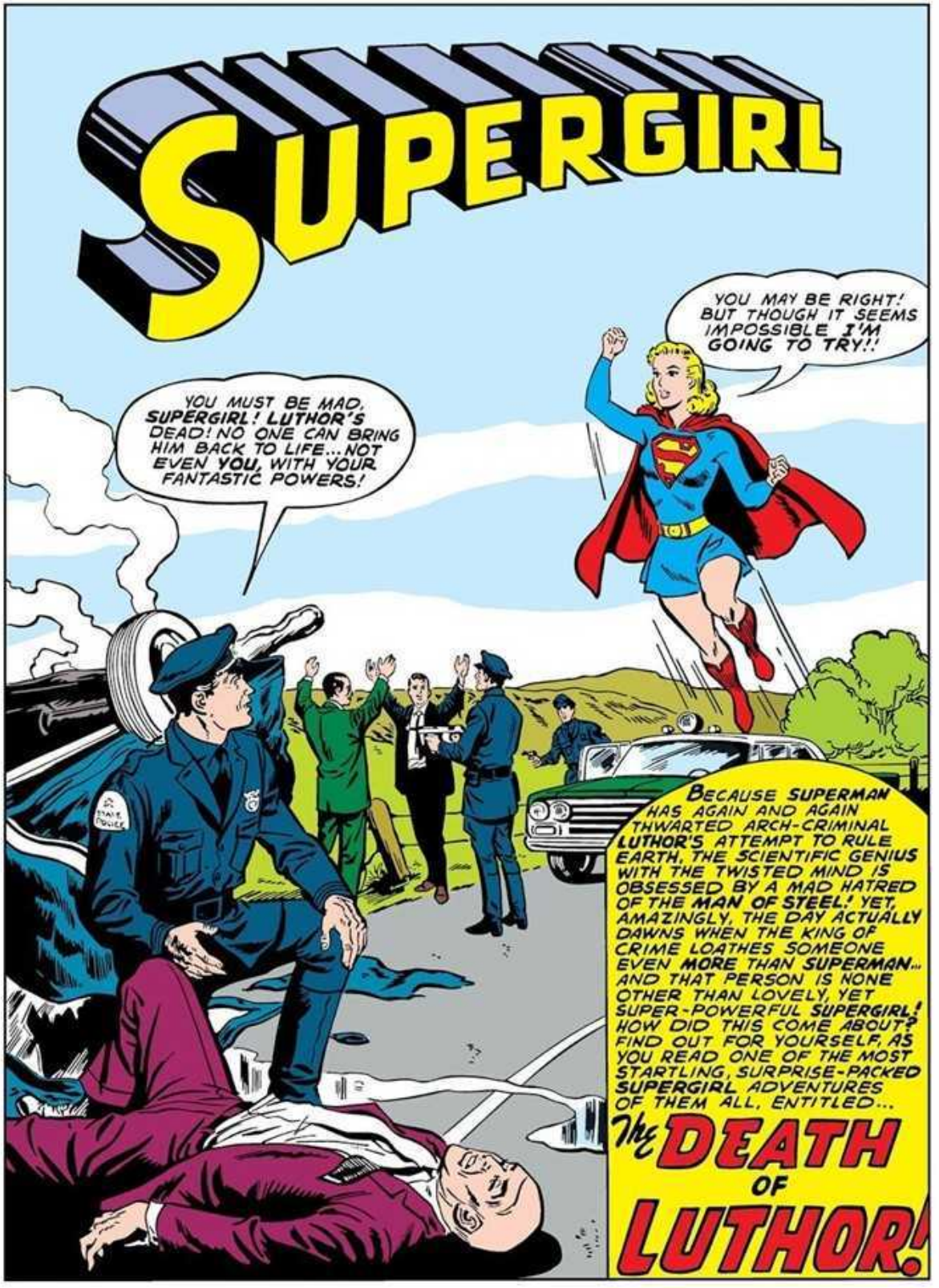
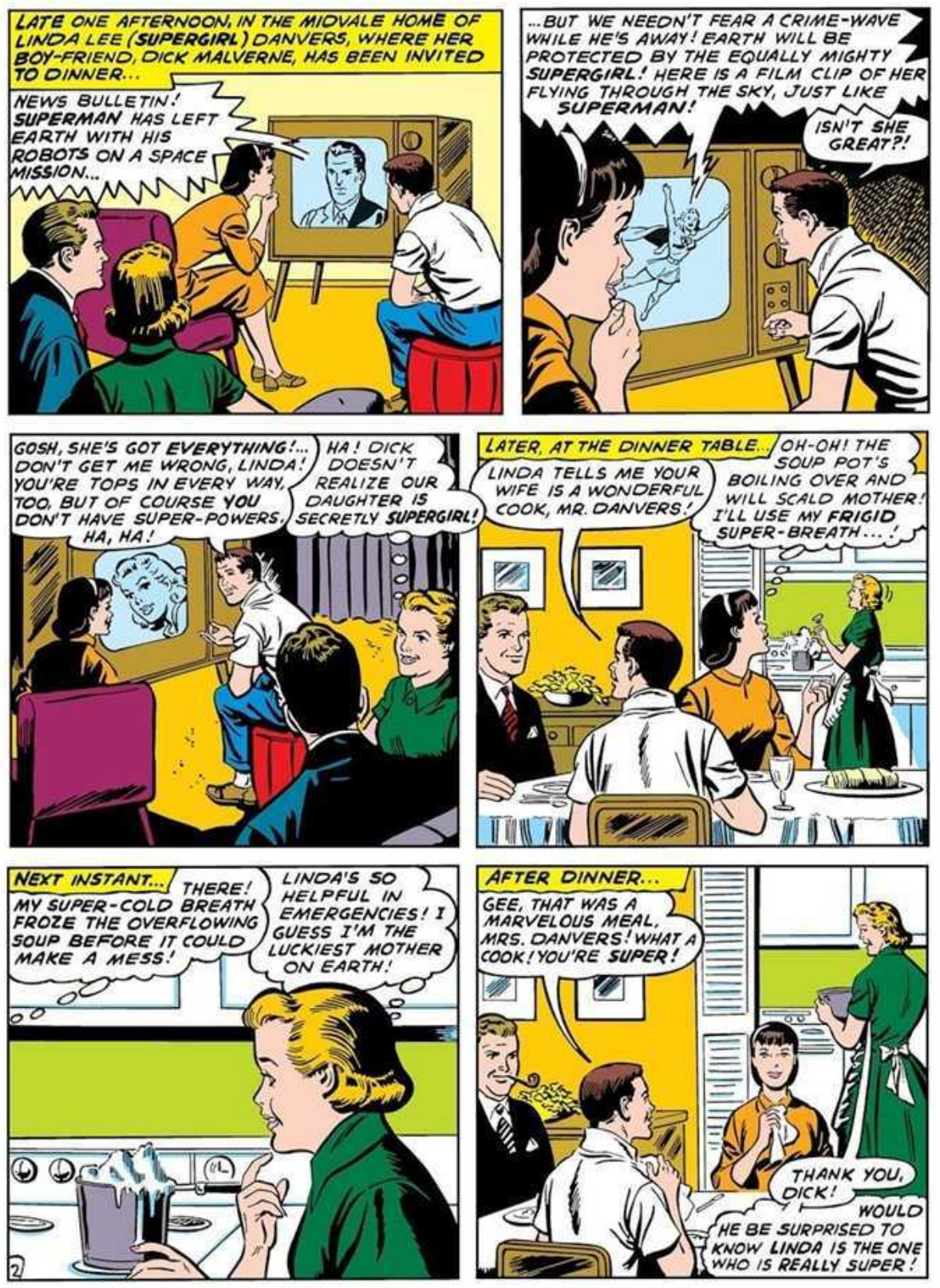
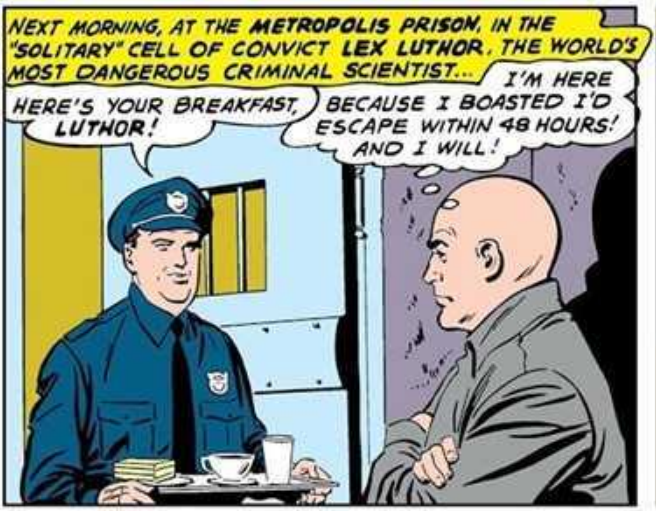
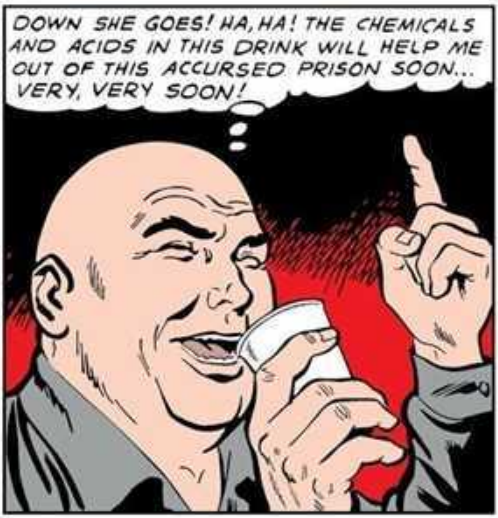
THEY SURE WILL! SEE NEXT ISSUE FOR ANOTHER GREAT SUPERGIRL ADVENTURE!


SUPERGIRL
YOU MAY BE RIGHT! BUT THOUGH IT SEEMS IMPOSSIBLE I'M GOING TO TRY!!
YOU MUST BE MAD, SUPERGIRL! LUTHOR'S DEAD! NO ONE CAN BRING HIM BACK TO LIFE...NOT EVEN YOU, WITH YOUR FANTASTIC POWERS!
STATE POLICE
BECAUSE SUPERMAN HAS AGAIN AND AGAIN THWARTED ARCH-CRIMINAL LUTHOR'S ATTEMPT TO RULE EARTH, THE SCIENTIFIC GENIUS WITH THE TWISTED MIND IS OBSESSED BY A MAD HATRED OF THE MAN OF STEEL! YET, AMAZINGLY, THE DAY ACTUALLY DAWNS WHEN THE KING OF CRIME LOATHES SOMEONE EVEN MORE THAN SUPERMAN... AND THAT PERSON IS NONE OTHER THAN LOVELY, YET SUPER-POWERFUL SUPERGIRL! HOW DID THIS COME ABOUT? FIND OUT FOR YOURSELF, AS YOU READ ONE OF THE MOST STARTLING, SURPRISE-PACKED SUPERGIRL ADVENTURES OF THEM ALL, ENTITLED...
THE DEATH OF LUTHOR!

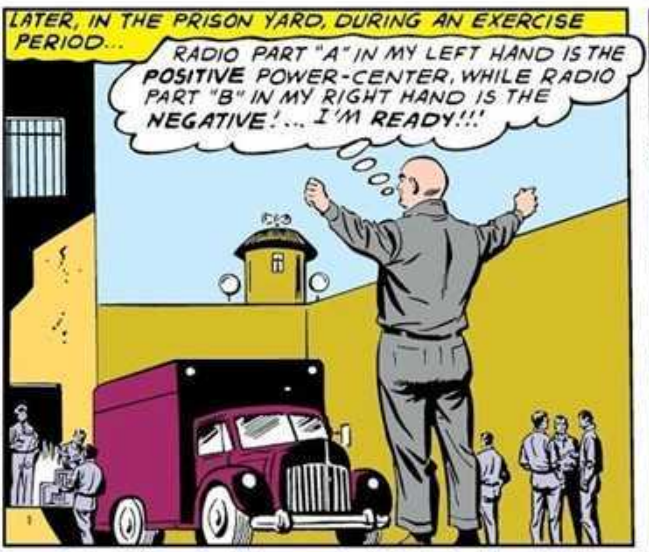

LATE ONE AFTERNOON, IN THE MIDVALE HOME OF LINDA LEE (SUPERGIRL) DANVERS, WHERE HER BOY-FRIEND, DICK MALVERNE, HAS BEEN INVITED TO DINNER...
NEWS BULLETIN! SUPERMAN HAS LEFT EARTH WITH HIS ROBOTS ON A SPACE MISSION...
...BUT WE NEEDN'T FEAR A CRIME-WAVE WHILE HE'S AWAY! EARTH WILL BE PROTECTED BY THE EQUALLY MIGHTY SUPERGIRL! HERE IS A FILM CLIP OF HER FLYING THROUGH THE SKY, JUST LIKE SUPERMAN!
ISN'T SHE GREAT?!
GOSH, SHE'S GOT EVERYTHING!... DON'T GET ME WRONG, LINDA! YOU'RE TOPS IN EVERY WAY, TOO, BUT OF COURSE YOU DON'T HAVE SUPER-POWERS. HA, HA!
HA! DICK DOESN'T REALIZE OUR DAUGHTER IS SECRETLY SUPERGIRL!
LATER, AT THE DINNER TABLE...
LINDA TELLS ME YOUR WIFE IS A WONDERFUL COOK, MR. DANVERS!
OH-OH! THE SOUP POT'S BOILING OVER AND WILL SCALD MOTHER! I'LL USE MY FRIGID SUPER-BREATH...!
NEXT INSTANT...
THERE! MY SUPER-COLD BREATH FROZE THE OVERFLOWING SOUP BEFORE IT COULD MAKE A MESS!
LINDA'S SO HELPFUL IN EMERGENCIES! I GUESS I'M THE LUCKIEST MOTHER ON EARTH!
AFTER DINNER...
GEE, THAT WAS A MARVELOUS MEAL, MRS. DANVERS! WHAT A COOK! YOU'RE SUPER!
THANK YOU, DICK!
WOULD HE BE SURPRISED TO KNOW LINDA IS THE ONE WHO IS REALLY SUPER!


NEXT MORNING, AT THE METROPOLIS PRISON, IN THE "SOLITARY" CELL OF CONVICT LEX LUTHOR, THE WORLD'S MOST DANGEROUS CRIMINAL SCIENTIST...
HERE'S YOUR BREAKFAST, LUTHOR!
I'M HERE BECAUSE I BOASTED I'D ESCAPE WITHIN 48 HOURS! AND I WILL!

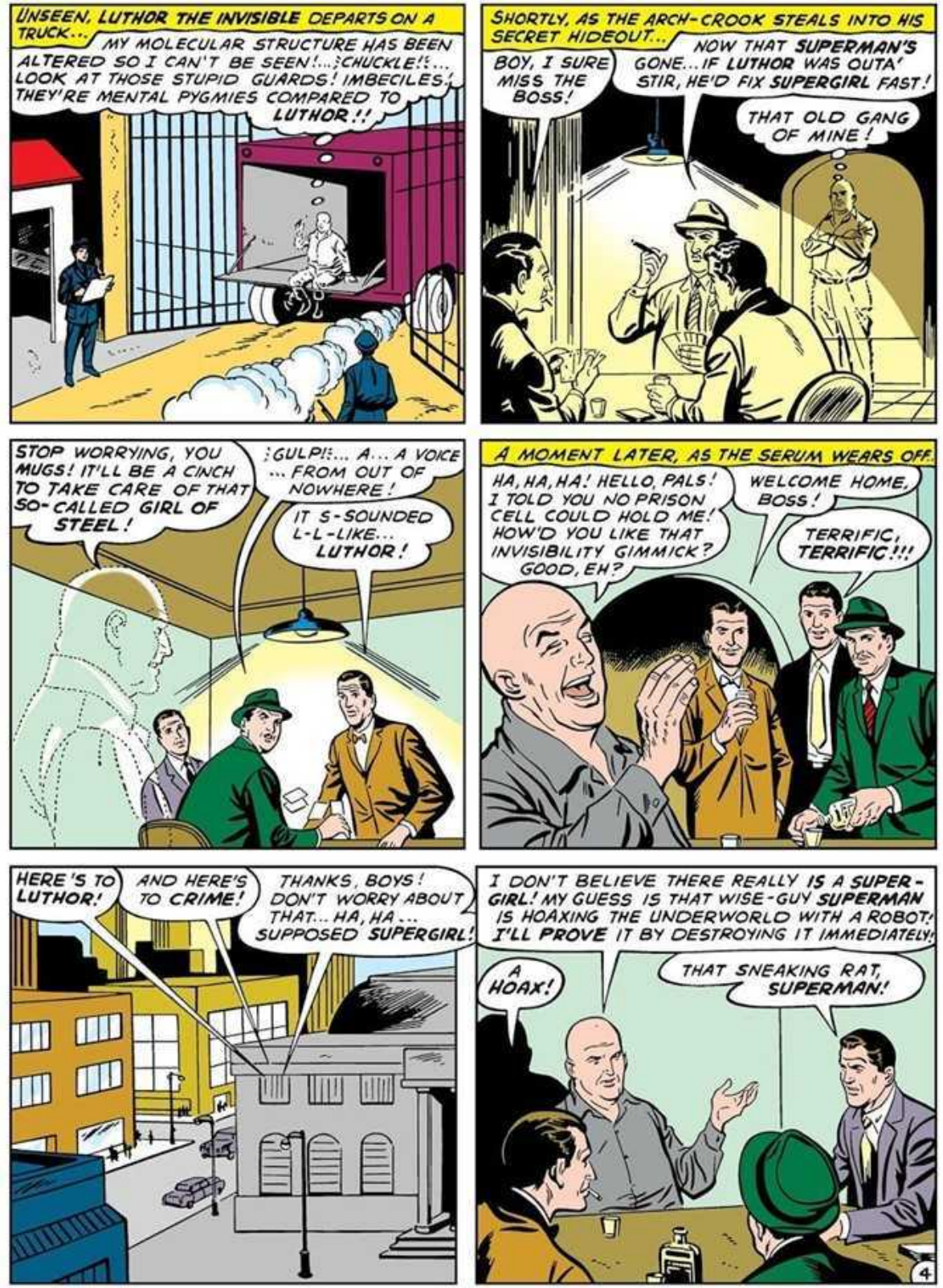
AFTER THE GUARD LEAVES...
I'VE ADDED SOME MOUTH-WASH THEY LEFT FOR MY SUPPOSEDLY SORE THROAT INTO THIS CUP OF ORANGE JUICE I HID...AND NOW I'LL DROP IN TWO ASPIRIN TABLETS!


DOWN SHE GOES! HA, HA! THE CHEMICALS AND ACIDS IN THIS DRINK WILL HELP ME OUT OF THIS ACCURSED PRISON SOON... VERY, VERY SOON!

AND THESE TWO RADIO PARTS, I HID PREVIOUSLY IN MY SHOES' HOLLOW HEELS, WILL PLAY A VERY IMPORTANT PART IN MY ESCAPE!
CAN YOU GUESS LUTHOR'S AMAZING SCHEME?


LATER, IN THE PRISON YARD, DURING AN EXERCISE PERIOD...
RADIO PART "A" IN MY LEFT HAND IS THE POSITIVE POWER-CENTER, WHILE RADIO PART "B" IN MY RIGHT HAND IS THE NEGATIVE!... I'M READY!!!

SECONDS LATER...
I'VE BECOME INVISIBLE!... AS I PLANNED, THE VIBRATIONS OF THE PRISON SIREN'S NOON SIGNAL, AMPLIFIED BY THE RADIO PARTS, TRANSMUTED THE CONCOCTION I SWALLOWED INTO AN INVISIBILITY SERUM... HA, HA...
WREEEEEEEEEE


UNSEEN, LUTHOR THE INVISIBLE DEPARTS ON A TRUCK...
MY MOLECULAR STRUCTURE HAS BEEN ALTERED SO I CAN'T BE SEEN!...;CHUCKLE!;... LOOK AT THOSE STUPID GUARDS! IMBECILES! THEY'RE MENTAL PYGMIES COMPARED TO LUTHOR!!
SHORTLY, AS THE ARCH-CROOK STEALS INTO HIS SECRET HIDEOUT...
BOY, I SURE MISS THE BOSS!
NOW THAT SUPERMAN'S GONE...IF LUTHOR WAS OUTA' STIR, HE'D FIX SUPERGIRL FAST!
THAT OLD GANG OF MINE!
STOP WORRYING, YOU MUGS! IT'LL BE A CINCH TO TAKE CARE OF THAT SO-CALLED GIRL OF STEEL!
;GULP!;... A... A VOICE ...FROM OUT OF NOWHERE!
IT S-SOUNDED L-L-LIKE... LUTHOR!
A MOMENT LATER, AS THE SERUM WEARS OFF...
HA, HA, HA! HELLO, PALS! I TOLD YOU NO PRISON CELL COULD HOLD ME! HOW'D YOU LIKE THAT INVISIBILITY GIMMICK? GOOD, EH?
WELCOME HOME, BOSS!
TERRIFIC, TERRIFIC!!!
HERE'S TO LUTHOR!
AND HERE'S TO CRIME!
THANKS, BOYS! DON'T WORRY ABOUT THAT... HA, HA... SUPPOSED SUPERGIRL!
I DON'T BELIEVE THERE REALLY IS A SUPER-GIRL! MY GUESS IS THAT WISE-GUY SUPERMAN IS HOAXING THE UNDERWORLD WITH A ROBOT! I'LL PROVE IT BY DESTROYING IT IMMEDIATELY!
A HOAX!
THAT SNEAKING RAT, SUPERMAN!
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NEXT DAY...IN THE BASEMENT OF THE DANVERS HOME, LINDA CHANGES TO SUPERGIRL, THEN FLIES INTO THE SECRET TUNNEL...
TAKE CARE WHILE YOU'RE ON PATROL, DEAR!
AS THE GIRL OF STEEL EMERGES FROM THE TUNNEL'S EXIT IN A NEARBY WOODS...
OH-OH! A POLICEMAN WALKING HIS BEAT! I'LL HIDE BEFORE HE SEES ME!
BUT THEN...
OH, DEAR! WHAT AM I DOING? FOR A SECOND, I FORGOT I NO LONGER HAVE TO HIDE FROM PUBLIC VIEW NOW THAT I'M NO LONGER SUPERMAN'S SECRET EMERGENCY WEAPON!
AND SO...
HI, OFFICER!
HELLO, SUPERGIRL! YOU'RE ON YOUR PATROL, WHILE I'M ON MINE, EH? I SURE WISH I COULD FLY LIKE YOU! IT WOULD BE EASIER ON MY FEET, HA, HA!
MEANWHILE, IN A CAVE NEAR METROPOLIS...
THERE GOES THE EXPLOSION WHICH WILL LURE THAT FAKE SUPERGIRL TO HER DOOM! WHEN SHE GETS HERE, I'LL USE A CONCEALED WEAPON I PREPARED YEARS AGO!
BLAM!
AND WHEN SUPERGIRL ARRIVES TO INVESTIGATE...
HOLY CATS! YOU ELECTRONICALLY MOVED ASIDE THOSE FAKE ROCKS, AND MADE THE BURIED BIG GUN BLAST AWAY AT HER! B-BUT THE BURSTING SHELLS AREN'T HARMING HER!
SH-SHE'S NOT A ROBOT!
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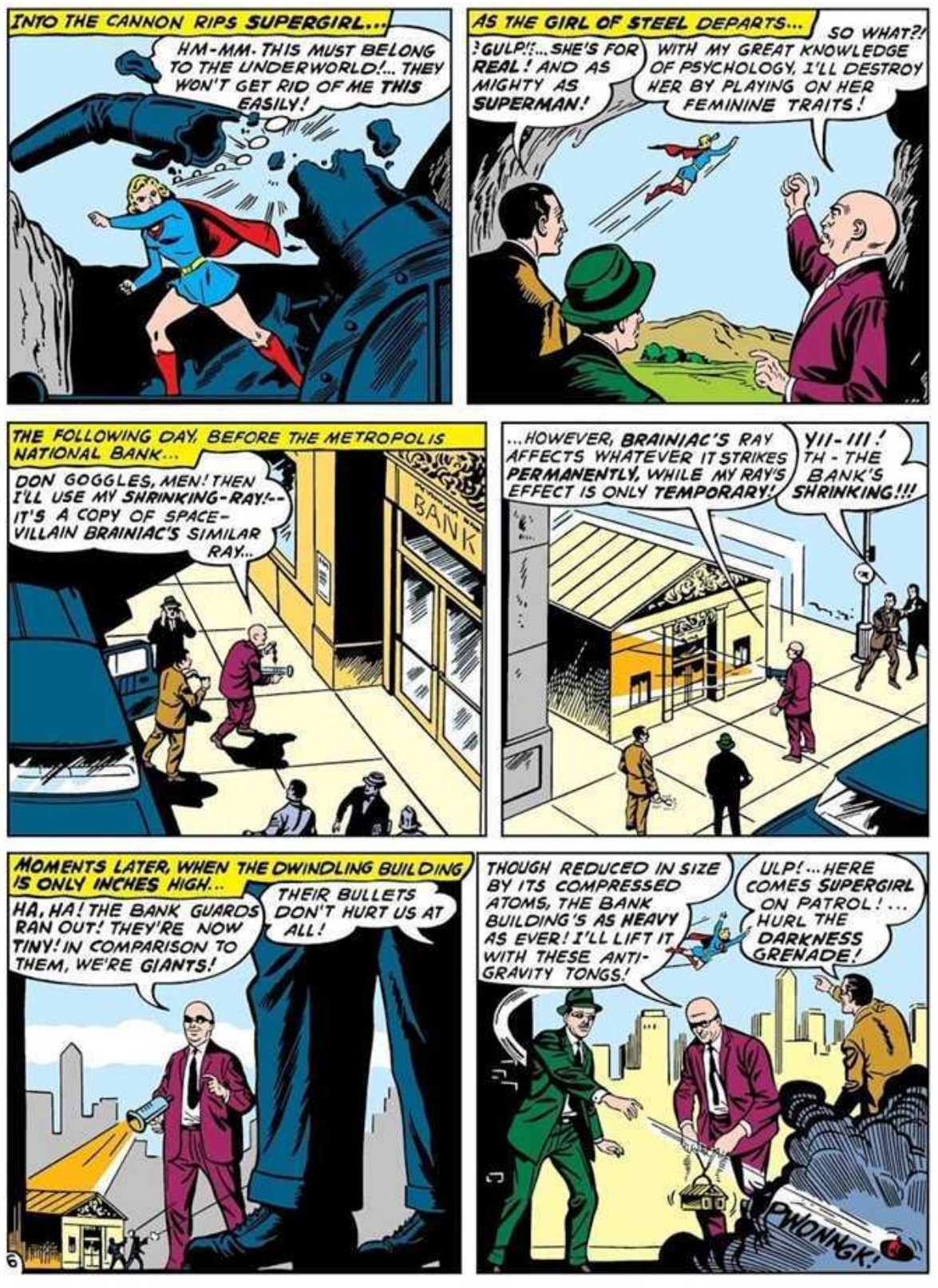
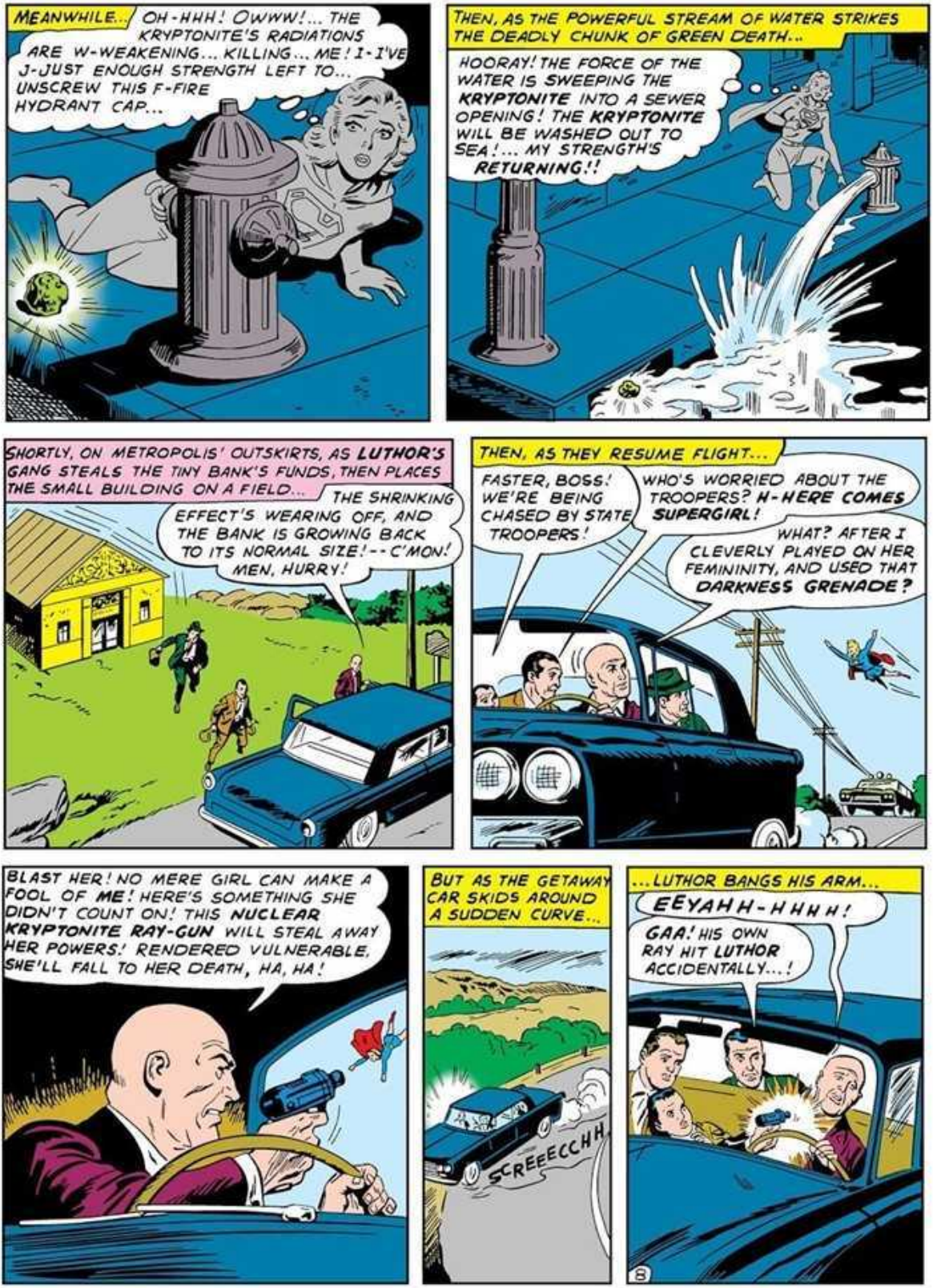

INTO THE CANNON RIPS SUPERGIRL...
HM-MM. THIS MUST BELONG TO THE UNDERWORLD!... THEY WON'T GET RID OF ME THIS EASILY!
AS THE GIRL OF STEEL DEPARTS...
GULP!... SHE'S FOR REAL! AND AS MIGHTY AS SUPERMAN!
SO WHAT?! WITH MY GREAT KNOWLEDGE OF PSYCHOLOGY, I'LL DESTROY HER BY PLAYING ON HER FEMININE TRAITS!
THE FOLLOWING DAY, BEFORE THE METROPOLIS NATIONAL BANK...
DON GOGGLES, MEN! THEN I'LL USE MY SHRINKING-RAY!-- IT'S A COPY OF SPACE-VILLAIN BRAINIAC'S SIMILAR RAY...
BANK
...HOWEVER, BRAINIAC'S RAY AFFECTS WHATEVER IT STRIKES PERMANENTLY, WHILE MY RAY'S EFFECT IS ONLY TEMPORARY!
YII-III! TH - THE BANK'S SHRINKING!!!
MOMENTS LATER, WHEN THE DWINDLING BUILDING IS ONLY INCHES HIGH...
HA, HA! THE BANK GUARDS RAN OUT! THEY'RE NOW TINY! IN COMPARISON TO THEM, WE'RE GIANTS!
THEIR BULLETS DON'T HURT US AT ALL!
THOUGH REDUCED IN SIZE BY ITS COMPRESSED ATOMS, THE BANK BUILDING'S AS HEAVY AS EVER! I'LL LIFT IT WITH THESE ANTI-GRAVITY TONGS!
ULP!... HERE COMES SUPERGIRL ON PATROL!... HURL THE DARKNESS GRENADE!
PWONNGK!

SWIFTLY, GASEOUS DARKNESS BLANKETS SEVERAL CITY BLOCKS...
CAN'T SEE A TH-THING!
BUT MY MOB CAN, THANKS TO OUR SPECIAL GOGGLES, WHICH CAN SEE THROUGH THE DARKNESS I CREATED!
INTO THE GETAWAY CAR, MEN!
BUT THEN...
AWK! IT'S THAT BLASTED SUPERGIRL!
I DON'T NEED YOUR GOGGLES! MY X-RAY VISION CAN SEE THROUGH THIS DARKNESS! THE GAME'S UP, LUTHOR!
EEEEK! MY BABY! THE BUGGY SLIPPED OUT OF MY HANDS! I C-CAN'T SEE!!
WELL, SUPERGIRL? ARE YOU GOING TO RESCUE THAT POOR WOMAN'S CHILD, OR NOT?
YOU KNOW I WON'T STAND IDLY BY!
THE BUGGY'S BOUNCING ALONG DOWN A STEEP STREET! IT'S SURE TO OVERTURN, UNLESS I STOP IT!
BUT AS THE GIRL OF STEEL REACHES THE BABY CARRIAGE...
OWW!... WH-WHAT...?
HA, HA! I'M A MIDGET, YOU FOOL! HERE'S A HUNK OF GREEN KRYPTONITE... A REWARD FROM MY BOSS LUTHOR, FOR "SAVING" ME!
SHORTLY, AFTER THE MIDGET AND THE "MOTHER" ENTER LUTHOR'S GETAWAY CAR...
THROW OFF THOSE DISGUISES, MEN!... HA, HA! I KNEW SUPERGIRL WOULDN'T OVERLOOK A "BABY'S" PERIL!... HOW SIMPLE IT WAS TO DESTROY THAT MERE GIRL!


MEANWHILE..
OH-HHH! OWWW!... THE KRYPTONITE'S RADIATIONS ARE W-WEAKENING... KILLING... ME! I-I'VE J-JUST ENOUGH STRENGTH LEFT TO... UNSCREW THIS F-FIRE HYDRANT CAP...
THEN, AS THE POWERFUL STREAM OF WATER STRIKES THE DEADLY CHUNK OF GREEN DEATH...
HOORAY! THE FORCE OF THE WATER IS SWEEPING THE KRYPTONITE INTO A SEWER OPENING! THE KRYPTONITE WILL BE WASHED OUT TO SEA!... MY STRENGTH'S RETURNING!!
SHORTLY, ON METROPOLIS' OUTSKIRTS, AS LUTHOR'S GANG STEALS THE TINY BANK'S FUNDS, THEN PLACES THE SMALL BUILDING ON A FIELD...
THE SHRINKING EFFECT'S WEARING OFF, AND THE BANK IS GROWING BACK TO ITS NORMAL SIZE!--C'MON! MEN, HURRY!
THEN, AS THEY RESUME FLIGHT...
FASTER, BOSS! WE'RE BEING CHASED BY STATE TROOPERS!
WHO'S WORRIED ABOUT THE TROOPERS? H-HERE COMES SUPERGIRL!
WHAT? AFTER I CLEVERLY PLAYED ON HER FEMININITY, AND USED THAT DARKNESS GRENADE?
BLAST HER! NO MERE GIRL CAN MAKE A FOOL OF ME! HERE'S SOMETHING SHE DIDN'T COUNT ON! THIS NUCLEAR KRYPTONITE RAY-GUN WILL STEAL AWAY HER POWERS! RENDERED VULNERABLE, SHE'LL FALL TO HER DEATH, HA, HA!
BUT AS THE GETAWAY CAR SKIDS AROUND A SUDDEN CURVE...
SCREEECCHH
...LUTHOR BANGS HIS ARM...
EEYAHH-HHHH!
GAA! HIS OWN RAY HIT LUTHOR ACCIDENTALLY...!
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MINUTES AFTER THE CAR OVERTURNS, A DRAMATIC ANNOUNCEMENT...
LUTHOR'S DEAD! PETE, RADIO FOR AN AMBULANCE TO TAKE HIM TO THE MORGUE!
THE WORLD WILL BE A BETTER PLACE WITHOUT HIM AROUND!
HE ALWAYS USED HIS INTELLECT AGAINST HUMANITY! LIKE THE TIME HE TRIED TO DRIVE EVERYONE OUT OF METROPOLIS WITH GIANT SUN SPHERES WHICH RADIATED UNBEARABLE HEAT, SO HIS MOB CLAD IN INSULATED SUITS COULD ROB AT WILL! BUT SUPERMAN STOPPED HIM!
WAIT! LUTHOR SHOULDN'T BE ALLOWED TO ESCAPE HIS LIFE-TERM JAIL SENTENCE THROUGH DEATH! GIVE ME A FEW MINUTES! I MAY BE ABLE TO RETURN HIM TO LIFE!
IMPOSSIBLE!... BUT GO AHEAD AND TRY!
OFF STREAKS SUPERGIRL TO THE OCEAN...
DURING A RECENT VISIT TO ATLANTIS, I LEARNED OF AN ISOTOPE ELEMENT WHICH MAY COUNTERACT THE TYPE OF NUCLEAR STUN-SHOCK WHICH KILLED LUTHOR! ADMITTEDLY, IT'S A LONG SHOT...!
SOON AFTERWARD, IN THE SUNKEN CITY OF ATLANTIS AT THE SEA'S BOTTOM, THE GIRL OF STEEL LOCATES HER TELEPATHIC ATLANTIDE FRIENDS, JERRO AND LORI, DEDICATING A MUSEUM...
HELP ME! I MUST LOCATE SOME OF "ISOTOPE ELEMENT Z" IMMEDIATELY!
IT'S ... RARE!
COME ON! WE'LL EQUIP SOME OF OUR GIANT SEA HORSES WITH ISOTOPE-COUNTERS, AND BEGIN SEARCHING IN A REGION WHERE WE SUSPECT IT MAY BE FOUND!
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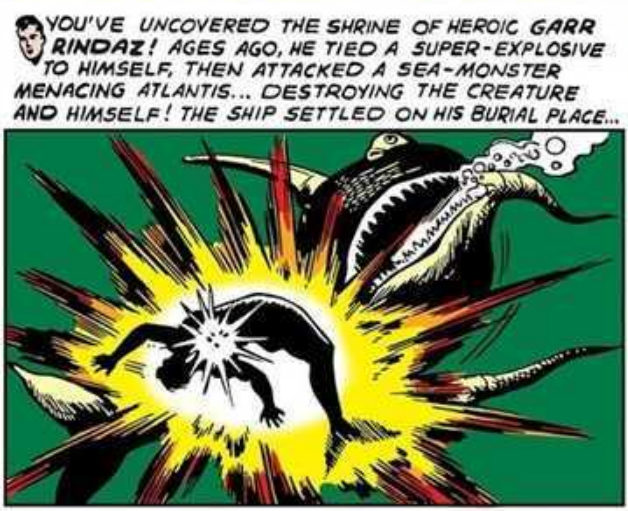
AND SO BEGINS A FANTASTIC MISSION...
WE'RE IN LUCK! THE ISOTOPE COUNTERS ARE CLICKING WILDLY, INDICATING THE ISOTOPE WE SEEK IS IN A FORM OF SEAWEED BENEATH THIS LONG-SUNKEN VIKING SHIP!
KLICK! KLICK! KLICK!

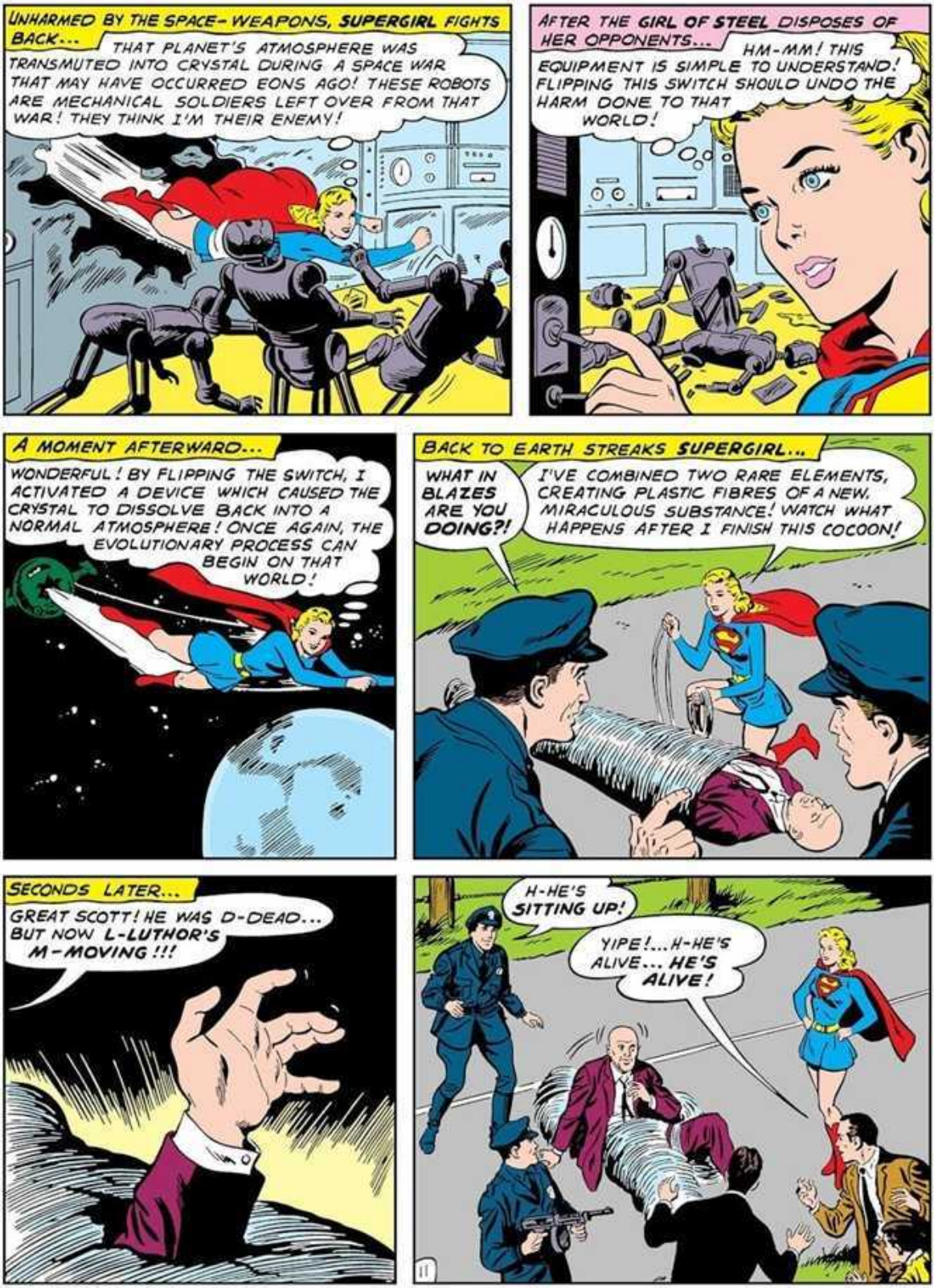
THEN, AS SUPERGIRL HOISTS ALOFT THE SHIP...
MY MICROSCOPIC VISION INDICATES THAT THIS IS WHAT I'M SEEKING! THANK YOU!!
RATHER, LET US THANK YOU!... BEHOLD!!


YOU'VE UNCOVERED THE SHRINE OF HEROIC GARR RINDAZ! AGES AGO, HE TIED A SUPER-EXPLOSIVE TO HIMSELF, THEN ATTACKED A SEA-MONSTER MENACING ATLANTIS... DESTROYING THE CREATURE AND HIMSELF! THE SHIP SETTLED ON HIS BURIAL PLACE...

PLACING THE SEAWEED IN HER CAPE'S POUCH, SUPERGIRL DEPARTS...
MY SUPER-VISION REVEALS "ISOTOPE ELEMENT Z" ALONE WON'T DO THE TRICK! I'M OFF TO A CERTAIN PLANET I OBSERVED RECENTLY IN ANOTHER GALAXY!
GOOD LUCK!

LATER, BILLIONS OF MILES AWAY IN OUTER SPACE...
THIS PLANET HAS A CRYSTALIZED ATMOSPHERE! I'LL BURROW DOWN THROUGH THE CRYSTAL AND GET THAT WEIRD FLOWER WHICH MY MICROSCOPIC-VISION REVEALS POSSESSES ANOTHER ELEMENT I NEED!

BUT AS SUPERGIRL COMPRESSES THE FLOWER, PUTS IT IN HER CAPE'S POUCH, AND EMERGES INTO SPACE AGAIN...
WHAT?--I'M BEING ATTACKED BY A SPACE SHIP!... MY X-RAY VISION DETECTS ROBOTS MANNING ITS CONTROLS!... I GET IT!


UNHARMED BY THE SPACE-WEAPONS, SUPERGIRL FIGHTS BACK...
THAT PLANET'S ATMOSPHERE WAS TRANSMUTED INTO CRYSTAL DURING A SPACE WAR THAT MAY HAVE OCCURRED EONS AGO! THESE ROBOTS ARE MECHANICAL SOLDIERS LEFT OVER FROM THAT WAR! THEY THINK I'M THEIR ENEMY!
AFTER THE GIRL OF STEEL DISPOSES OF HER OPPONENTS...
HM-MM! THIS EQUIPMENT IS SIMPLE TO UNDERSTAND! FLIPPING THIS SWITCH SHOULD UNDO THE HARM DONE TO THAT WORLD!
A MOMENT AFTERWARD...
WONDERFUL! BY FLIPPING THE SWITCH, I ACTIVATED A DEVICE WHICH CAUSED THE CRYSTAL TO DISSOLVE BACK INTO A NORMAL ATMOSPHERE! ONCE AGAIN, THE EVOLUTIONARY PROCESS CAN BEGIN ON THAT WORLD!
BACK TO EARTH STREAKS SUPERGIRL...
WHAT IN BLAZES ARE YOU DOING?!
I'VE COMBINED TWO RARE ELEMENTS, CREATING PLASTIC FIBRES OF A NEW, MIRACULOUS SUBSTANCE! WATCH WHAT HAPPENS AFTER I FINISH THIS COCOON!
SECONDS LATER...
GREAT SCOTT! HE WAS D-DEAD... BUT NOW L-LUTHOR'S M-MOVING!!!
H-HE'S SITTING UP!
YIPE!...H-HE'S ALIVE... HE'S ALIVE!
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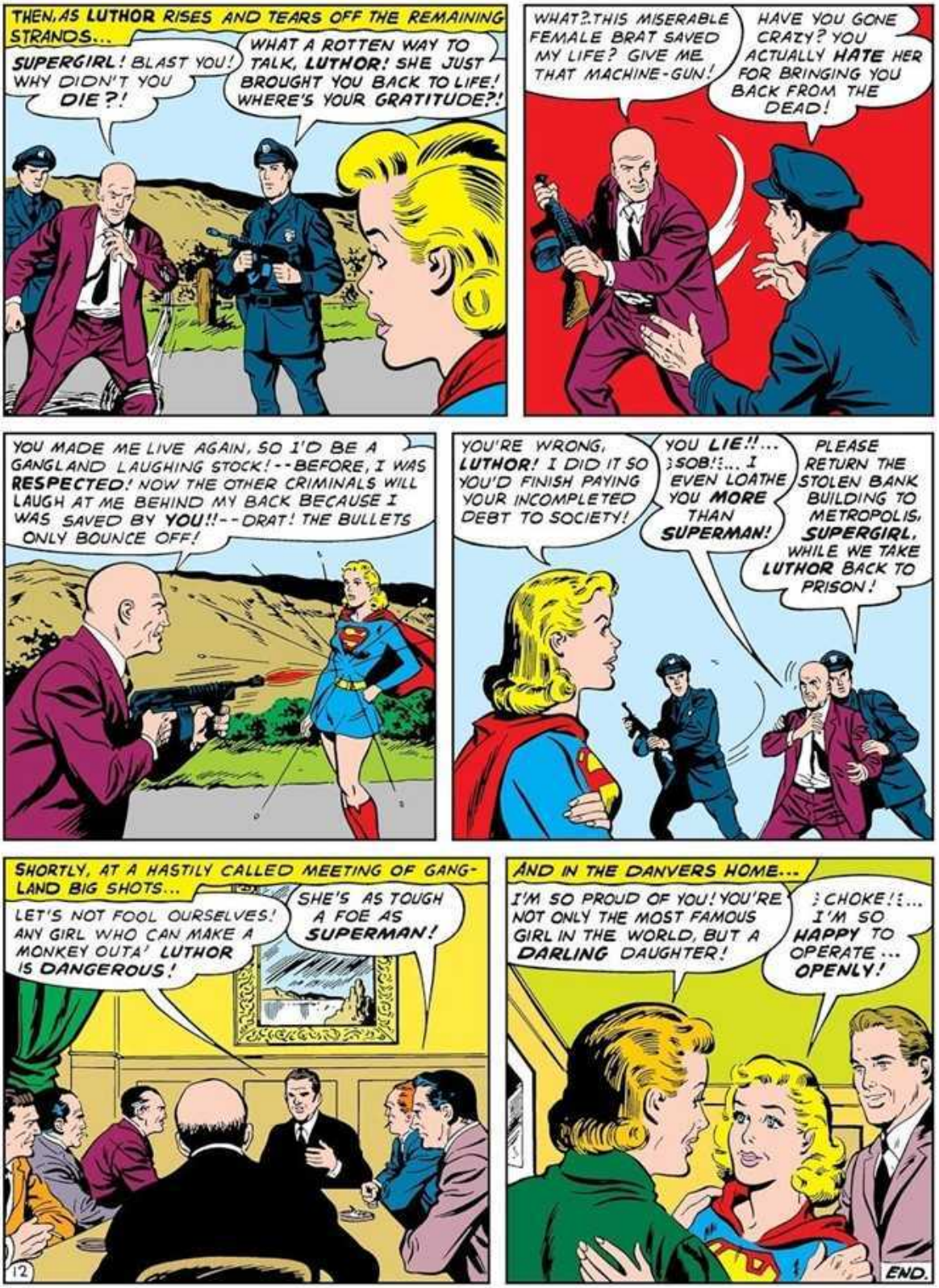
THEN, AS LUTHOR RISES AND TEARS OFF THE REMAINING STRANDS...
SUPERGIRL! BLAST YOU! WHY DIDN'T YOU DIE?!
WHAT A ROTTEN WAY TO TALK, LUTHOR! SHE JUST BROUGHT YOU BACK TO LIFE! WHERE'S YOUR GRATITUDE?!
WHAT?! THIS MISERABLE FEMALE BRAT SAVED MY LIFE? GIVE ME THAT MACHINE-GUN!
HAVE YOU GONE CRAZY? YOU ACTUALLY HATE HER FOR BRINGING YOU BACK FROM THE DEAD!
YOU MADE ME LIVE AGAIN, SO I'D BE A GANGLAND LAUGHING STOCK! --BEFORE, I WAS RESPECTED! NOW THE OTHER CRIMINALS WILL LAUGH AT ME BEHIND MY BACK BECAUSE I WAS SAVED BY YOU!! --DRAT! THE BULLETS ONLY BOUNCE OFF!
YOU'RE WRONG, LUTHOR! I DID IT SO YOU'D FINISH PAYING YOUR INCOMPLETED DEBT TO SOCIETY!
YOU LIE!!... SOB!... I EVEN LOATHE YOU MORE THAN SUPERMAN!
PLEASE RETURN THE STOLEN BANK BUILDING TO METROPOLIS, SUPERGIRL, WHILE WE TAKE LUTHOR BACK TO PRISON!
SHORTLY, AT A HASTILY CALLED MEETING OF GANGLAND BIG SHOTS...
LET'S NOT FOOL OURSELVES! ANY GIRL WHO CAN MAKE A MONKEY OUTA' LUTHOR IS DANGEROUS!
SHE'S AS TOUGH A FOE AS SUPERMAN!
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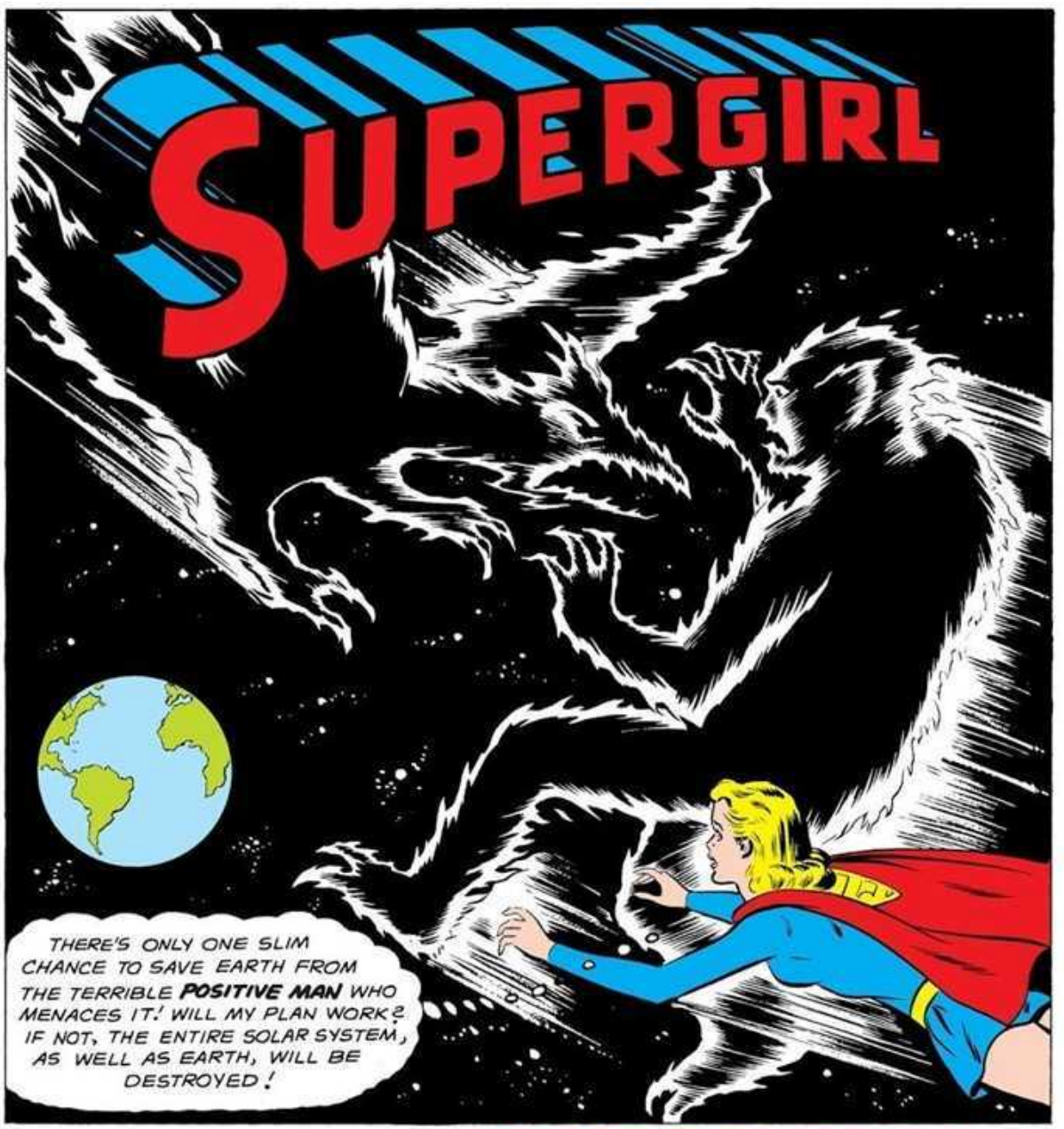
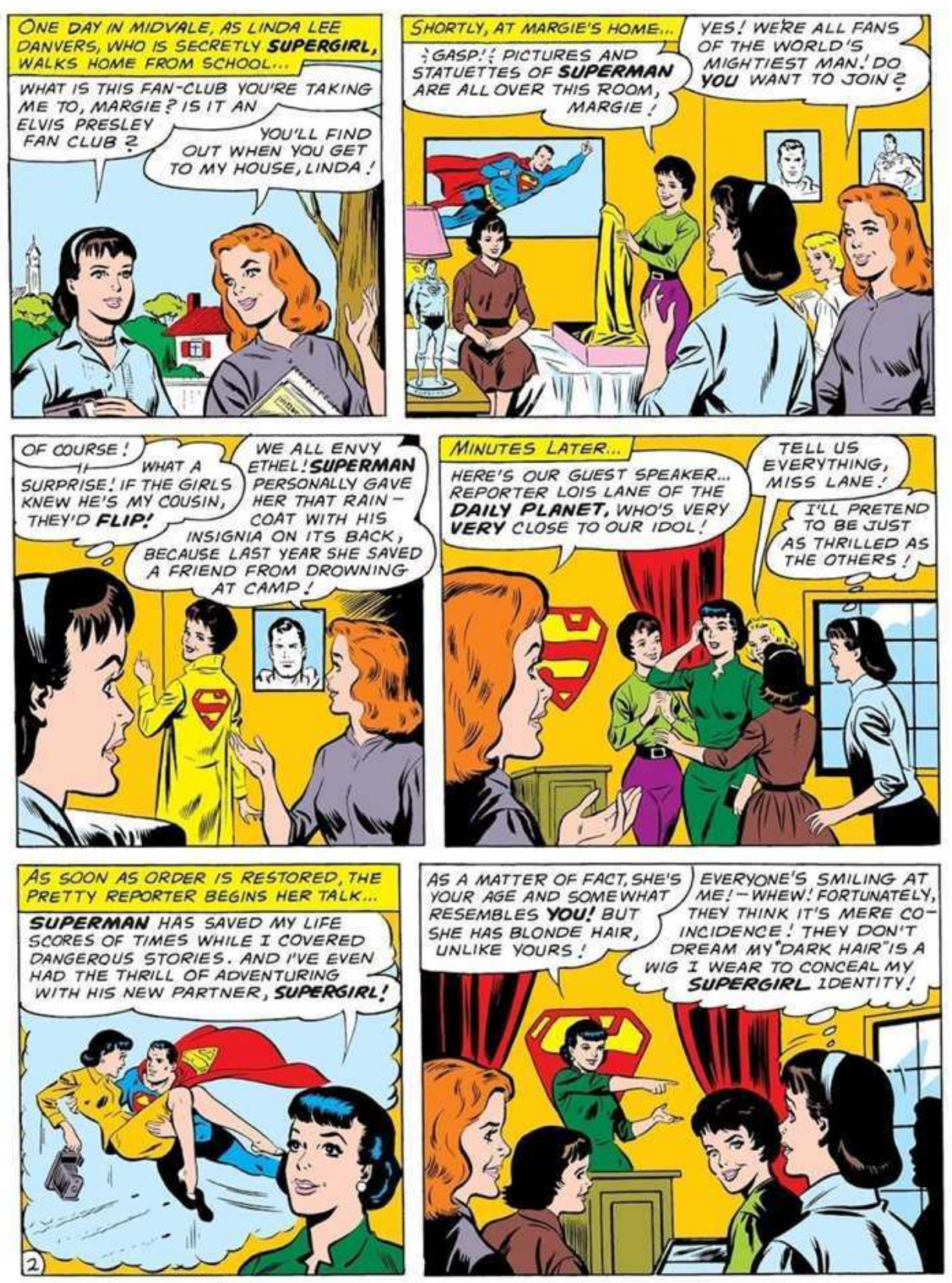
AND IN THE DANVERS HOME...
I'M SO PROUD OF YOU! YOU'RE NOT ONLY THE MOST FAMOUS GIRL IN THE WORLD, BUT A DARLING DAUGHTER!
CHOKE!... I'M SO HAPPY TO OPERATE... OPENLY!
END.


SUPERGIRL
THERE'S ONLY ONE SLIM CHANCE TO SAVE EARTH FROM THE TERRIBLE POSITIVE MAN WHO MENACES IT! WILL MY PLAN WORK? IF NOT, THE ENTIRE SOLAR SYSTEM, AS WELL AS EARTH, WILL BE DESTROYED!

THOUGH SHE'S AS SUPER-POWERFUL AS **SUPERMAN, SUPERGIRL** IS, AFTER ALL, A MERE GIRL... WHO FINDS HERSELF SUDDENLY UP AGAINST A MASSIVE PERIL GREATER THAN EVEN THE **MAN OF STEEL** HAS EVER TACKLED! CAN SHE DEFEAT AN IMMATERIAL, LIVING, DIABOLICAL **FORCE-BEING** SHE CAN'T EVEN TOUCH? SEE WHAT HAPPENS WHEN THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST GIRL TACKLES...

SUPERGIRL'S GREATEST CHALLENGE!


ONE DAY IN MIDVALE, AS LINDA LEE DANVERS, WHO IS SECRETLY SUPERGIRL, WALKS HOME FROM SCHOOL...
WHAT IS THIS FAN-CLUB YOU'RE TAKING ME TO, MARGIE? IS IT AN ELVIS PRESLEY FAN CLUB?
YOU'LL FIND OUT WHEN YOU GET TO MY HOUSE, LINDA!
SHORTLY, AT MARGIE'S HOME...
GASP! PICTURES AND STATUETTES OF SUPERMAN ARE ALL OVER THIS ROOM, MARGIE!
YES! WE'RE ALL FANS OF THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST MAN! DO YOU WANT TO JOIN?
OF COURSE! WHAT A SURPRISE! IF THE GIRLS KNEW HE'S MY COUSIN, THEY'D FLIP!
WE ALL ENVY ETHEL! SUPERMAN PERSONALLY GAVE HER THAT RAIN-COAT WITH HIS INSIGNIA ON ITS BACK, BECAUSE LAST YEAR SHE SAVED A FRIEND FROM DROWNING AT CAMP!
MINUTES LATER...
HERE'S OUR GUEST SPEAKER... REPORTER LOIS LANE OF THE DAILY PLANET, WHO'S VERY VERY CLOSE TO OUR IDOL!
TELL US EVERYTHING, MISS LANE!
I'LL PRETEND TO BE JUST AS THRILLED AS THE OTHERS!
AS SOON AS ORDER IS RESTORED, THE PRETTY REPORTER BEGINS HER TALK...
SUPERMAN HAS SAVED MY LIFE SCORES OF TIMES WHILE I COVERED DANGEROUS STORIES. AND I'VE EVEN HAD THE THRILL OF ADVENTURING WITH HIS NEW PARTNER, SUPERGIRL!
AS A MATTER OF FACT, SHE'S YOUR AGE AND SOMEWHAT RESEMBLES YOU! BUT SHE HAS BLONDE HAIR, UNLIKE YOURS!
EVERYONE'S SMILING AT ME! — WHEW! FORTUNATELY, THEY THINK IT'S MERE CO-INCIDENCE! THEY DON'T DREAM MY "DARK HAIR" IS A WIG I WEAR TO CONCEAL MY SUPERGIRL IDENTITY!
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LATER, AFTER LINDA RETURNS TO HER OWN HOME, HER FATHER RUSHES IN...
LINDA...THERE'S A BIG EMERGENCY.' WHILE WALKING IN THE WOODS, I SAW FOREST RANGERS WORKING NEAR THE EXIT LID OF THE SECRET TUNNEL WHICH LEADS FROM OUR BASEMENT INTO THE NEARBY WOODS! THEY'RE GOING TO BLOW UP A TREE STUMP RIGHT NEXT TO IT!
INSTANTLY, THE DANVERS' DAUGHTER SWITCHES TO SUPERGIRL, THEN...
THANKS FOR THE WARNING, DAD! IF THEY BLAST THAT STUMP, THE HOLE THEY CREATE WILL EXPOSE THE TUNNEL...AND A CLUE TO MY SECRET IDENTITY WILL BE REVEALED!
STREAKING OUT OF THE WINDOW AT SUPER-SPEED, INVISIBLE TO ANY OBSERVERS...
I'M FLYING FASTER THAN THE HUMAN EYE CAN FOLLOW, AND IN ANOTHER MOMENT I'LL BE HIDDEN FROM VIEW BY THOSE STORM CLOUDS!
MEANWHILE...
ALL RIGHT, JOE! LIGHT THE EXPLOSIVES NOW! WE'VE GOT TO GET RID OF THAT DISEASED STUMP SO ITS FUNGUS WON'T INFECT NEARBY TREES!
MOVE BACK, EVERYBODY!
HIGH OVERHEAD, WITHIN THE SCREENING CLOUDS...
THE RANGERS AREN'T LOOKING AT THE STUMP! I THINK I CAN GET AWAY WITH MY TRICK! I'LL PROJECT MY HEAT-VISION DOWNWARD AND AT THE SAME TIME FAKE THE SOUND OF THUNDER BY CLAPPING HANDS!
CLAP!
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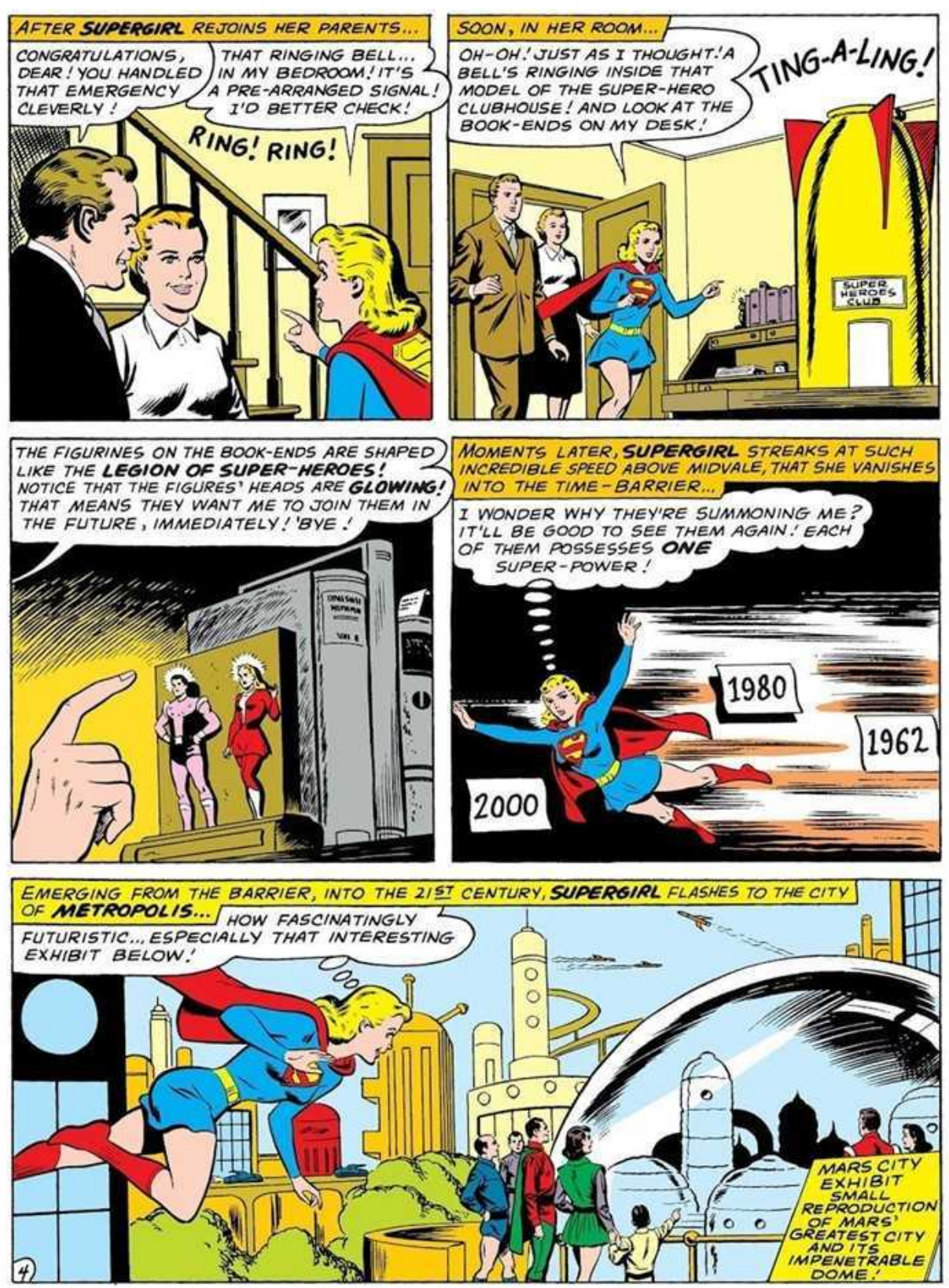
AN INSTANT AFTERWARD...
WOW! A BOLT OF LIGHTNING DESTROYED THE STUMP FOR US! LUCKILY, IT DIDN'T BLOW UP THE T.N.T.! LET'S GO!
MY RUSE WORKED! I DISPOSED OF THE STUMP FOR THEM--AND THE SECRET TUNNEL BY WHICH I'M ABLE TO LEAVE THE HOUSE AS SUPERGIRL HASN'T BEEN EXPOSED!


AFTER SUPERGIRL REJOINS HER PARENTS...
CONGRATULATIONS, DEAR! YOU HANDLED THAT EMERGENCY CLEVERLY!
THAT RINGING BELL... IN MY BEDROOM! IT'S A PRE-ARRANGED SIGNAL! I'D BETTER CHECK!
RING! RING!
SOON, IN HER ROOM...
OH-OH! JUST AS I THOUGHT! A BELL'S RINGING INSIDE THAT MODEL OF THE SUPER-HERO CLUBHOUSE! AND LOOK AT THE BOOK-ENDS ON MY DESK!
TING-A-LING!
SUPER HEROES CLUB
THE FIGURINES ON THE BOOK-ENDS ARE SHAPED LIKE THE LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES! NOTICE THAT THE FIGURES' HEADS ARE GLOWING! THAT MEANS THEY WANT ME TO JOIN THEM IN THE FUTURE, IMMEDIATELY! 'BYE!
MOMENTS LATER, SUPERGIRL STREAKS AT SUCH INCREDIBLE SPEED ABOVE MIDVALE, THAT SHE VANISHES INTO THE TIME-BARRIER...
I WONDER WHY THEY'RE SUMMONING ME? IT'LL BE GOOD TO SEE THEM AGAIN! EACH OF THEM POSSESSES ONE SUPER-POWER!
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EMERGING FROM THE BARRIER, INTO THE 21ST CENTURY, SUPERGIRL FLASHES TO THE CITY OF METROPOLIS...
HOW FASCINATINGLY FUTURISTIC... ESPECIALLY THAT INTERESTING EXHIBIT BELOW!
MARS CITY EXHIBIT SMALL REPRODUCTION OF MARS' GREATEST CITY AND ITS IMPENETRABLE DOME!
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SPEEDILY, THE GIRL OF STEEL'S TELESCOPIC VISION HELPS HER LOCATE HER FRIENDS IN THE 21ST CENTURY...
COSMIC BOY, SATURN GIRL, SUN BOY, BOUNCING BOY, AND THE OTHER LEGIONNAIRES ARE RECEIVING THUNDEROUS APPLAUSE IN THE ARENA!
BELOW...
YOU DID A GREAT JOB OF ENTERTAINING THE AUDIENCE AT THIS TESTIMONIAL THE EARTH POLICE STAGED IN YOUR HONOR, LEGIONNAIRES! THANKS!
HOW ABOUT AN ENCORE FOR THE FOLKS AT HOME? THEY'RE ALL WATCHING YOU ON THEIR 3-D TV SETS...
THUS, SECONDS LATER, THE SUPER-HEROES ARE OBSERVED ON 3-D TV IN MILLIONS OF HOMES...
NO WONDER THEY CALL HIM BOUNCING BOY!
LIGHTNING BOY IS A HUMAN DYNAMO!
SUN BOY SHINES BRIGHT!
SOON...
THANKS FOR COMING IN RESPONSE TO OUR SIGNAL, SUPERGIRL!
QUICK! INTO OUR SPACE-SHIP! THE SOLAR SYSTEM IS THREATENED BY A PERIL ONLY YOU CAN OVERCOME! YOU HAVE MANY SUPER-POWERS WHILE WE HAVE ONLY ONE POWER EACH!
AFTER THEY BLAST OFF...
TELL ME ABOUT THE MENACE!
SIT DOWN IN THE MIND-PICTURES CHAIR, SUPERGIRL! YOU'LL MENTALLY "SEE" THE ENTIRE HISTORY OF THE PERIL OUR TIMESCOPE TRACED AFTER WE WERE ALERTED BY ASTRONOMERS!
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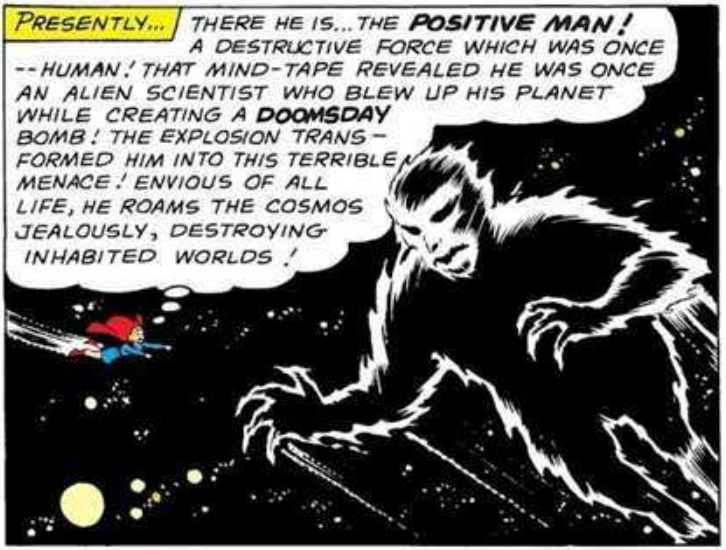
INSIDE THE CRAFT...
THE MIND-TAPE PICTURES ARE BEING PROJECTED INTO YOUR "THIRD-EYE" PINEAL GLAND BY CEREBRAL INDUCTION!
¦GASP!¦ WHAT I "SEE" MENTALLY IS ALMOST BEYOND BELIEF!

SHORTLY... THERE'S NOT A MOMENT TO SPARE! IT DOESN'T SEEM POSSIBLE ANYONE CAN STOP IT--BUT TRY... TRY!!
I'VE GOT TO SUCCEED! OPEN THE ESCAPE HATCH!
GOOD LUCK! OUR PRAYERS WILL GO WITH YOU!

OFF INTO THE AWESOME DARKNESS OF SPACE STREAKS THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST GIRL...
I CAN SEE IT NOW, WITH MY TELESCOPIC VISION! ¦CHOKE¦ WHAT A MIND-STUNNING PERIL! IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE IT ACTUALLY EXISTS!


PRESENTLY... THERE HE IS... THE POSITIVE MAN! A DESTRUCTIVE FORCE WHICH WAS ONCE --HUMAN! THAT MIND-TAPE REVEALED HE WAS ONCE AN ALIEN SCIENTIST WHO BLEW UP HIS PLANET WHILE CREATING A DOOMSDAY BOMB! THE EXPLOSION TRANS-FORMED HIM INTO THIS TERRIBLE MENACE! ENVIOUS OF ALL LIFE, HE ROAMS THE COSMOS JEALOUSLY, DESTROYING INHABITED WORLDS!

¦CHOKE¦--IT CHANGED ITS COURSE DELIBERATELY, AND WIPED OUT THAT NEARBY POPULATED PLANET! AND NOW IT'S HEADING TOWARD EARTH AGAIN! I MUST DESTROY IT!
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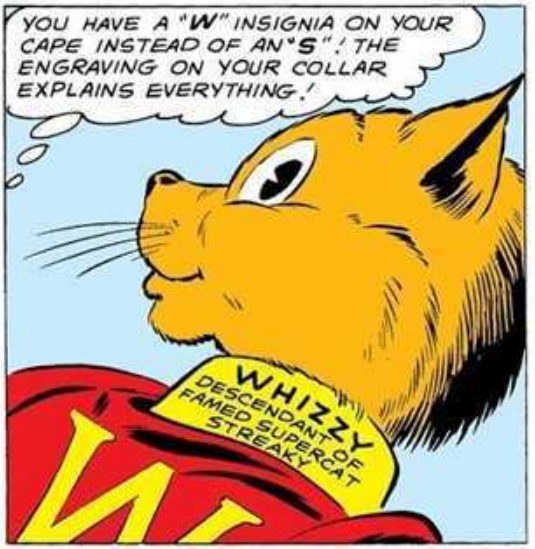
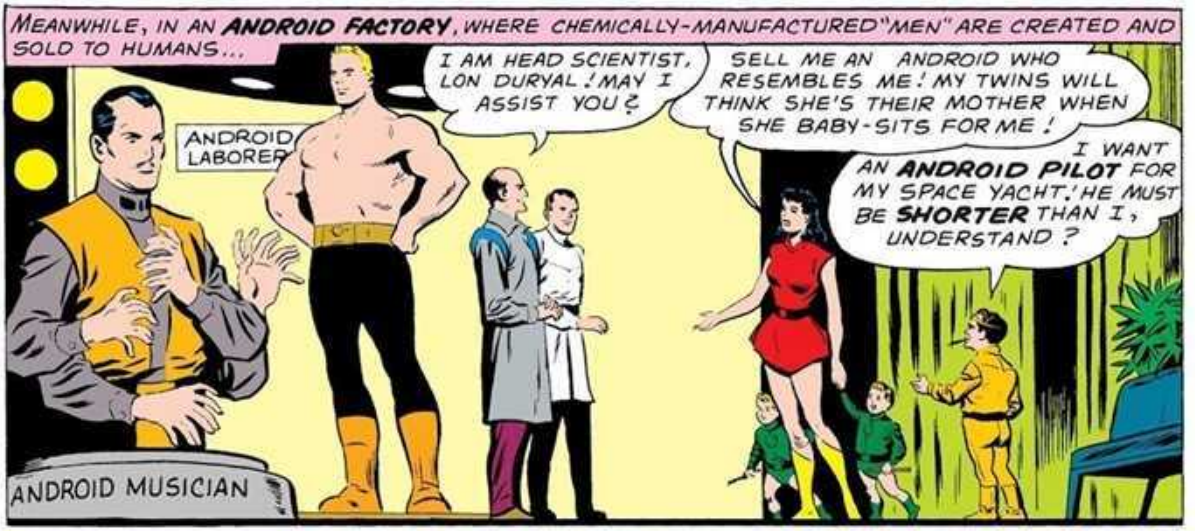
BUT AS SHE FLASHES AT THE EVIL MENACE...
I'M STREAKING RIGHT THROUGH IT! I'M UNHARMED BECAUSE OF MY INVULNERABILITY! ¦GROAN!¦ SINCE IT'S NOT A MATERIAL OBJECT, BUT A FORCE COMPOSED OF POSITIVE IONS, I CAN'T SEIZE IT!... IS EARTH DOOMED??

SECONDS AFTERWARD, INSIDE THE SPACESHIP...
SUPERGIRL'S FLYING OFF! SINCE SHE COULDN'T HARM THE POSITIVE MAN, HAS SHE GIVEN UP HOPE? IS SHE ABANDONING EARTH TO ITS FATE?
NOT SUPERGIRL! SHE'S NO QUITTER!
ACROSS BILLIONS OF MILES SPEEDS THE GIRL OF STEEL!
I RECALL THAT WHEN POSITIVE MAN WAS CREATED, THE SAME EXPLOSION ALSO AFFECTED A WILD ANIMAL BEING STUDIED FOR INTELLIGENCE BY SCIENTISTS, CONVERTING IT INTO A NEGATIVE CREATURE!
THE BLAST OF THE EXPLOSION FLUNG BOTH OF THEM INTO SPACE IN OPPOSITE DIRECTIONS! IF ONLY I CAN LOCATE THE NEGATIVE CREATURE, PERHAPS...
AFTER SUPERGIRL'S TELESCOPIC VISION LOCATES THE EERIE CREATURE...
COME AND GET ME, IF YOU CAN!— GOOD! YOU'RE FLYING AFTER ME! EXACTLY WHAT I WANT!!
BACK TOWARD OUR SOLAR SYSTEM STREAKS SUPERGIRL...
THE POSITIVE MAN IS GESTURING FRANTICALLY FOR THE NEGATIVE CREATURE TO STAY AWAY! TOO LATE! THEY'RE BEING DRAWN TOGETHER IRRESISTIBLY!
NEXT MOMENT...
HOORAY! THE TWO WERE DRAWN TOGETHER LIKE THE POSITIVE AND NEGATIVE POLES OF A MAGNET ATTRACTING EACH OTHER! AS A RESULT OF THIS FUSION, THEY'RE DISAPPEARING! THE CONTACT WAS SO TERRIFIC, THEY CANCELLED OUT EACH OTHER!!

LATER, AFTER SUPERGIRL SIGNALS THE TRAILING SPACESHIP TO RETURN TO EARTH...
CONGRATULATIONS, SUPERGIRL! YOU WERE GREAT! WATCH ME BOUNCE FOR JOY! OUCH!! I C-CAN'T!
I'LL HURL THUNDER-BOLTS IN CELEBRATION! AWP! N-NOTHING HAPPENED...!
;MOAN; I MENTALLY COMMANDED THAT TOAD TO JUMP, AND IT DIDN'T!
RADIATION FALLOUT CAUSED BY THE DESTRUCTION OF THE POSITIVE MAN AND NEGATIVE CREATURE MUST HAVE ROBBED ALL OF US OF OUR SUPER-POWERS!
HMM...MY SUPER-POWERS ARE UNIMPAIRED...I GUESS IT'S BECAUSE I'M INVULNERABLE TO EVERYTHING EXCEPT KRYPTONITE RADIATIONS!
GREAT GUNS! IF THE UNDERWORLD LEARNS WHAT'S HAPPENED TO THE LEGION, A TERRIBLE CRIME-WAVE WILL ERUPT!
HOW DREADFUL!
DON'T WORRY, FRIENDS! THE LOSS OF YOUR SUPER-POWERS MAY BE ONLY TEMPORARY! MEANWHILE, YOU'LL APPEAR TO BE AS SUPER AS EVER! HOW'LL WE MANAGE IT?... WAIT AND SEE!
AND SO, SUPERGIRL BEGINS HER PATROL OF THE METROPOLIS OF THE FUTURE...
COVERING UP FOR THE NON-SUPER LEGIONNAIRES WON'T BE EASY, BUT IT'S A CHALLENGE I WELCOME!
PARDON THE TELEPATHIC INTERRUPTION, BUT... PLEASE GIVE ME SOME MILK!
GREAT SCOTT! IT'S MY SUPER-PET FROM 1962 A.D.! HOW??
STREAKY! WHAT IN THE WORLD ARE YOU DOING HERE IN THE FUTURE? AND HOW DID YOU EVER MASTER THOUGHT-CASTING?
STREAKY?... MY NAME IS... WHIZZY!


YOU HAVE A "W" INSIGNIA ON YOUR CAPE INSTEAD OF AN "S"! THE ENGRAVING ON YOUR COLLAR EXPLAINS EVERYTHING!
WHIZZY
DESCENDANT OF FAMED SUPERCAT STREAKY

I'M SUPERGIRL! YOUR ANCESTOR STREAKY WAS MY PET, YEARS AGO! BUT HE WASN'T TELEPATHIC! I SEE HIS DESCENDANTS GAINED THE ABILITY THROUGH THE PROCESS OF EVOLUTION!
I LIKE YOU! I'LL TAG ALONG!


MEANWHILE, IN AN ANDROID FACTORY, WHERE CHEMICALLY-MANUFACTURED "MEN" ARE CREATED AND SOLD TO HUMANS...
I AM HEAD SCIENTIST, LON DURYAL! MAY I ASSIST YOU?
SELL ME AN ANDROID WHO RESEMBLES ME! MY TWINS WILL THINK SHE'S THEIR MOTHER WHEN SHE BABY-SITS FOR ME!
I WANT AN ANDROID PILOT FOR MY SPACE YACHT! HE MUST BE SHORTER THAN I, UNDERSTAND?
ANDROID LABORER
ANDROID MUSICIAN

AS THE CLIENTS WAIT...
MADAM, KINDLY TELL YOUR LITTLE FRIENDS TO STOP BLOWING THOSE COLORED PLASTIC BUBBLES AT ME! BUBBLE-TUBES, WITH THEIR BUBBLE CARTRIDGES THAT LAST A LIFETIME, REVOLT ME!
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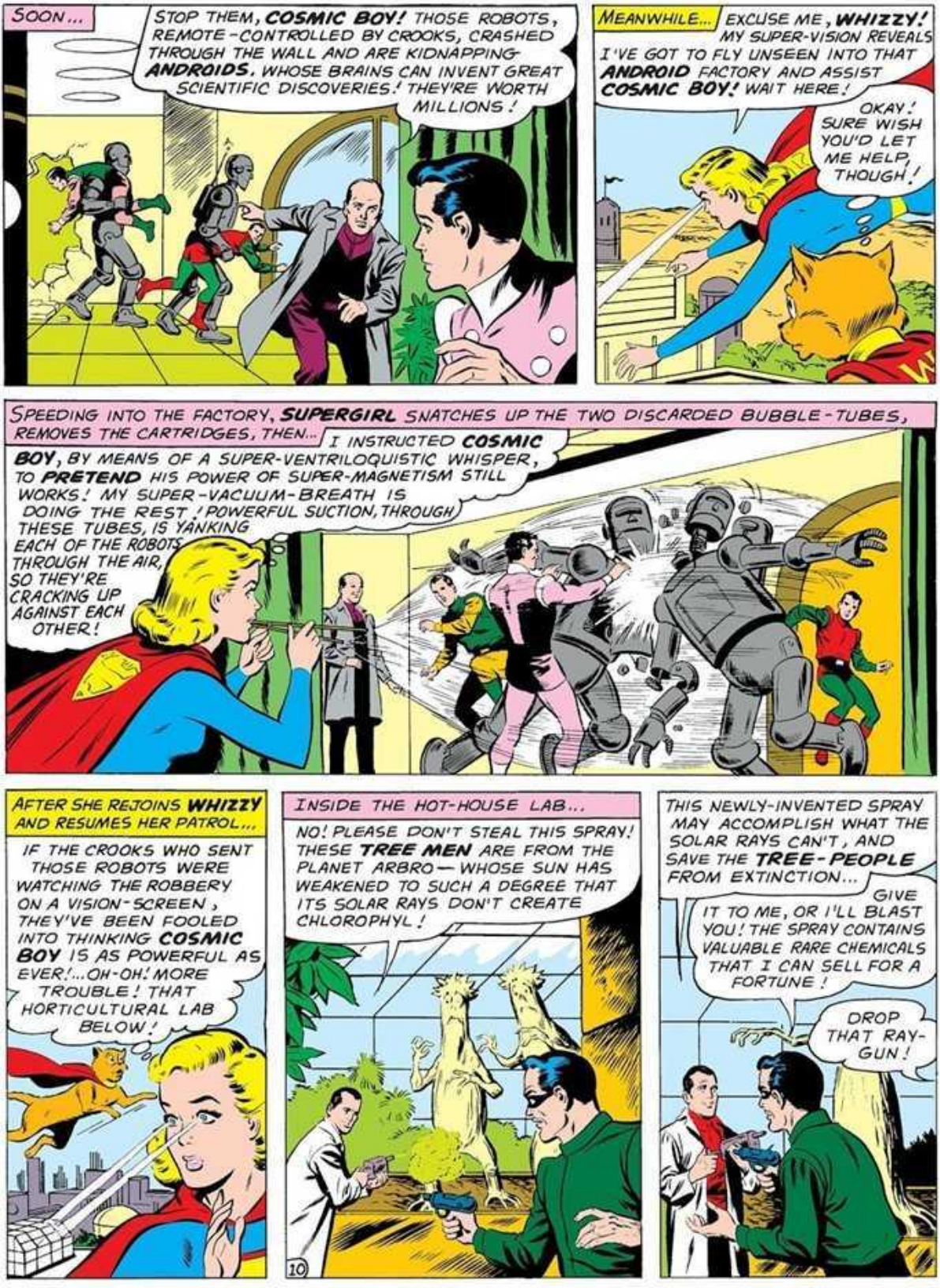
LATER, AS THE CLIENTS LEAVE WITH THEIR ANDROIDS...
LON DURYAL, I'VE JUST RECEIVED AN UNDERWORLD TIP THAT YOU MAY BE ROBBED OF YOUR MOST VALUABLE ANDROIDS!
THANK YOU FOR THE WARNING, COSMIC BOY! WITH YOU HERE, THERE'S NOTHING TO FEAR!


SOON...
STOP THEM, COSMIC BOY! THOSE ROBOTS, REMOTE-CONTROLLED BY CROOKS, CRASHED THROUGH THE WALL AND ARE KIDNAPPING ANDROIDS, WHOSE BRAINS CAN INVENT GREAT SCIENTIFIC DISCOVERIES! THEY'RE WORTH MILLIONS!
MEANWHILE... EXCUSE ME, WHIZZY! MY SUPER-VISION REVEALS I'VE GOT TO FLY UNSEEN INTO THAT ANDROID FACTORY AND ASSIST COSMIC BOY! WAIT HERE!
OKAY! SURE WISH YOU'D LET ME HELP, THOUGH!
SPEEDING INTO THE FACTORY, SUPERGIRL SNATCHES UP THE TWO DISCARDED BUBBLE-TUBES, REMOVES THE CARTRIDGES, THEN...
I INSTRUCTED COSMIC BOY, BY MEANS OF A SUPER-VENTRILOQUISTIC WHISPER, TO PRETEND HIS POWER OF SUPER-MAGNETISM STILL WORKS! MY SUPER-VACUUM-BREATH IS DOING THE REST! POWERFUL SUCTION, THROUGH THESE TUBES, IS YANKING EACH OF THE ROBOTS THROUGH THE AIR, SO THEY'RE CRACKING UP AGAINST EACH OTHER!
AFTER SHE REJOINS WHIZZY AND RESUMES HER PATROL...
IF THE CROOKS WHO SENT THOSE ROBOTS WERE WATCHING THE ROBBERY ON A VISION-SCREEN, THEY'VE BEEN FOOLED INTO THINKING COSMIC BOY IS AS POWERFUL AS EVER!...OH-OH! MORE TROUBLE! THAT HORTICULTURAL LAB BELOW!
INSIDE THE HOT-HOUSE LAB...
NO! PLEASE DON'T STEAL THIS SPRAY! THESE TREE MEN ARE FROM THE PLANET ARBRO — WHOSE SUN HAS WEAKENED TO SUCH A DEGREE THAT ITS SOLAR RAYS DON'T CREATE CHLOROPHYL!
THIS NEWLY-INVENTED SPRAY MAY ACCOMPLISH WHAT THE SOLAR RAYS CAN'T, AND SAVE THE TREE-PEOPLE FROM EXTINCTION...
GIVE IT TO ME, OR I'LL BLAST YOU! THE SPRAY CONTAINS VALUABLE RARE CHEMICALS THAT I CAN SELL FOR A FORTUNE!
DROP THAT RAY-GUN!
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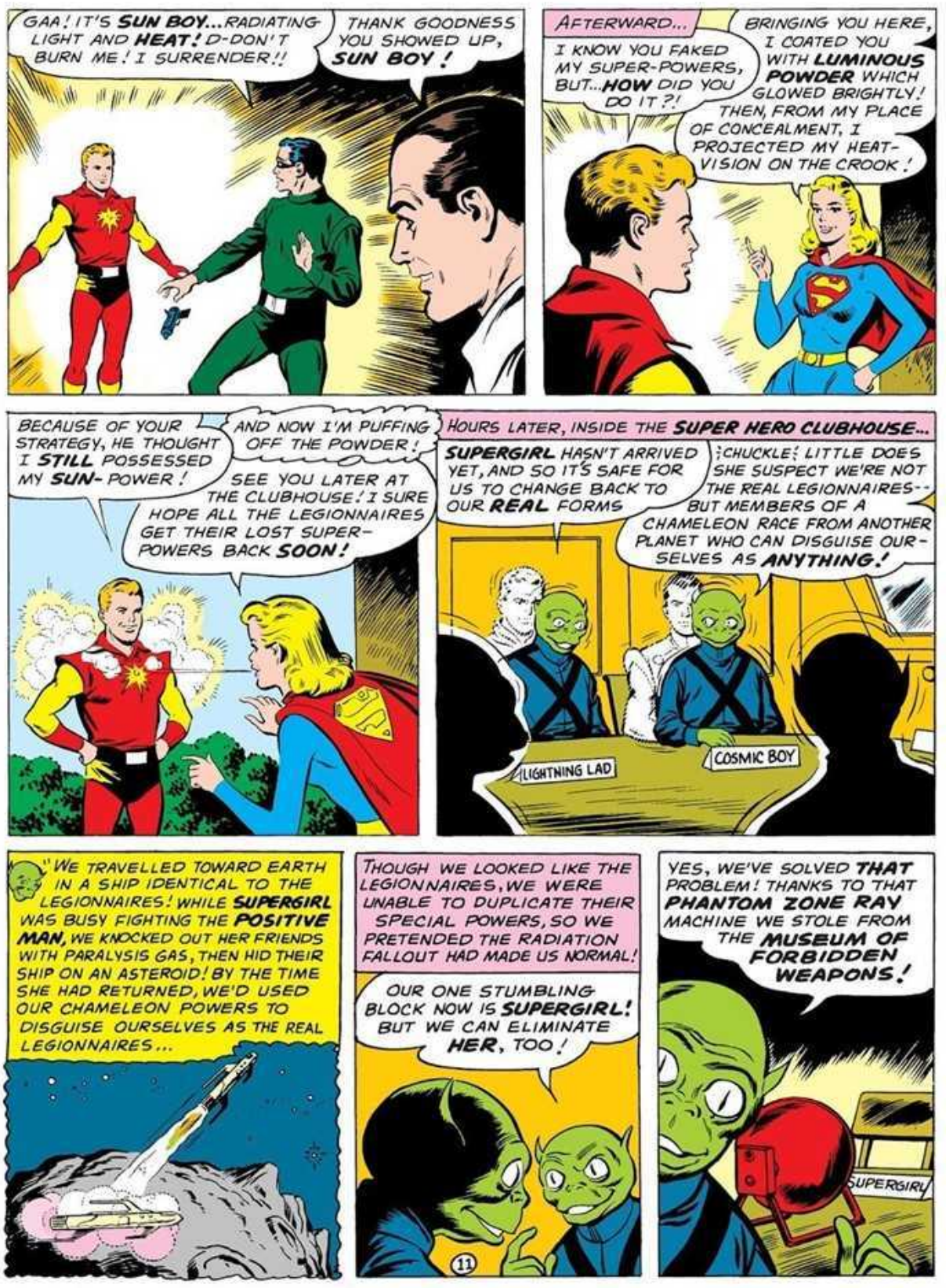
GAA! IT'S SUN BOY...RADIATING LIGHT AND HEAT! D-DON'T BURN ME! I SURRENDER!!
THANK GOODNESS YOU SHOWED UP, SUN BOY!
AFTERWARD...
I KNOW YOU FAKED MY SUPER-POWERS, BUT...HOW DID YOU DO IT?!
BRINGING YOU HERE, I COATED YOU WITH LUMINOUS POWDER WHICH GLOWED BRIGHTLY! THEN, FROM MY PLACE OF CONCEALMENT, I PROJECTED MY HEAT-VISION ON THE CROOK!
BECAUSE OF YOUR STRATEGY, HE THOUGHT I STILL POSSESSED MY SUN-POWER!
AND NOW I'M PUFFING OFF THE POWDER!
SEE YOU LATER AT THE CLUBHOUSE! I SURE HOPE ALL THE LEGIONNAIRES GET THEIR LOST SUPER-POWERS BACK SOON!
HOURS LATER, INSIDE THE SUPER HERO CLUBHOUSE...
SUPERGIRL HASN'T ARRIVED YET, AND SO IT'S SAFE FOR US TO CHANGE BACK TO OUR REAL FORMS
{CHUCKLE} LITTLE DOES SHE SUSPECT WE'RE NOT THE REAL LEGIONNAIRES--BUT MEMBERS OF A CHAMELEON RACE FROM ANOTHER PLANET WHO CAN DISGUISE OURSELVES AS ANYTHING!
LIGHTNING LAD
COSMIC BOY
"WE TRAVELLED TOWARD EARTH IN A SHIP IDENTICAL TO THE LEGIONNAIRES! WHILE SUPERGIRL WAS BUSY FIGHTING THE POSITIVE MAN, WE KNOCKED OUT HER FRIENDS WITH PARALYSIS GAS, THEN HID THEIR SHIP ON AN ASTEROID! BY THE TIME SHE HAD RETURNED, WE'D USED OUR CHAMELEON POWERS TO DISGUISE OURSELVES AS THE REAL LEGIONNAIRES...
THOUGH WE LOOKED LIKE THE LEGIONNAIRES, WE WERE UNABLE TO DUPLICATE THEIR SPECIAL POWERS, SO WE PRETENDED THE RADIATION FALLOUT HAD MADE US NORMAL!
OUR ONE STUMBLING BLOCK NOW IS SUPERGIRL! BUT WE CAN ELIMINATE HER, TOO!
YES, WE'VE SOLVED THAT PROBLEM! THANKS TO THAT PHANTOM ZONE RAY MACHINE WE STOLE FROM THE MUSEUM OF FORBIDDEN WEAPONS!
SUPERGIRL
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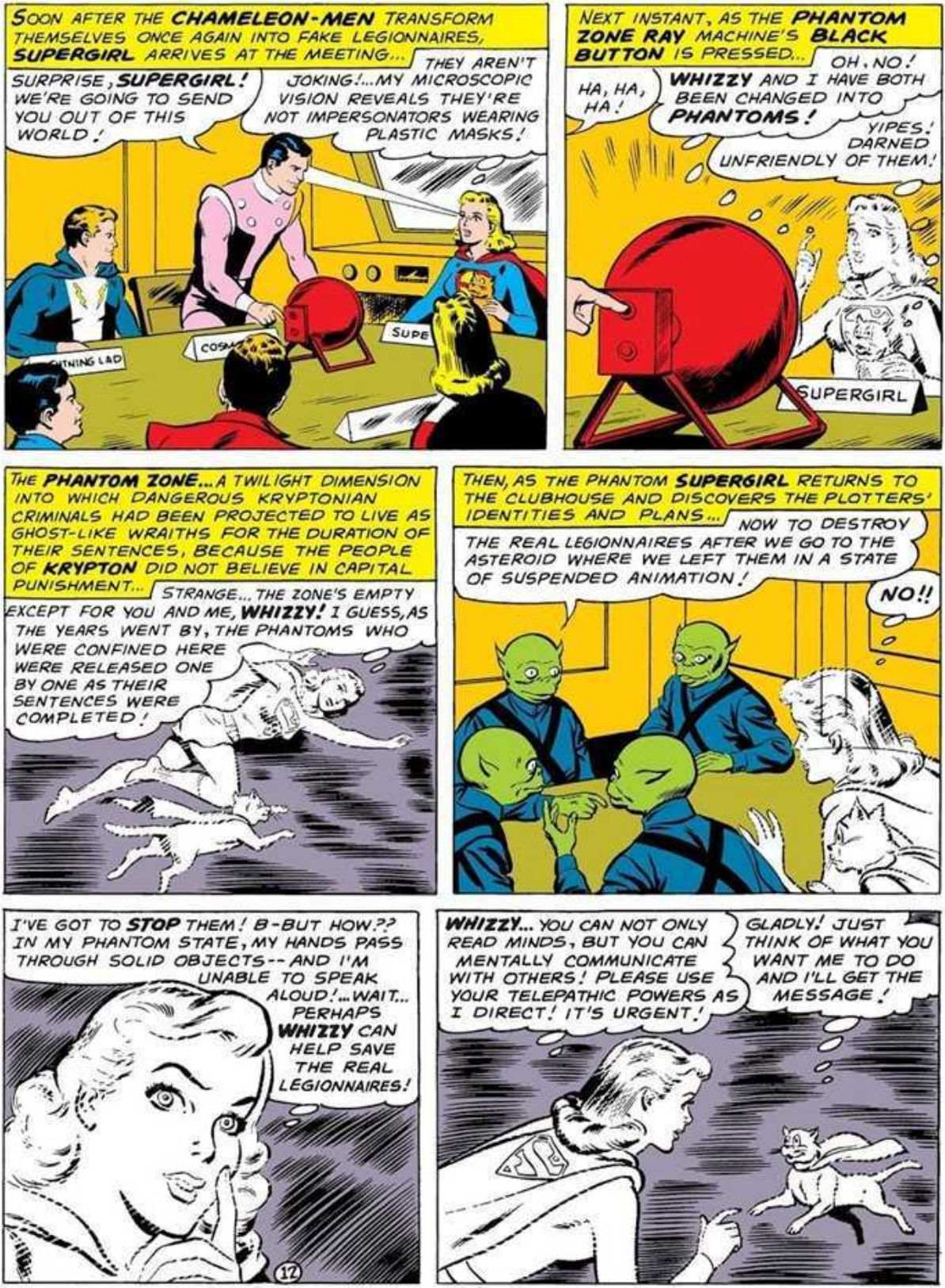
SOON AFTER THE CHAMELEON-MEN TRANSFORM THEMSELVES ONCE AGAIN INTO FAKE LEGIONNAIRES, SUPERGIRL ARRIVES AT THE MEETING...
SURPRISE, SUPERGIRL! WE'RE GOING TO SEND YOU OUT OF THIS WORLD!
THEY AREN'T JOKING!...MY MICROSCOPIC VISION REVEALS THEY'RE NOT IMPERSONATORS WEARING PLASTIC MASKS!
NEXT INSTANT, AS THE PHANTOM ZONE RAY MACHINE'S BLACK BUTTON IS PRESSED...
HA, HA, HA!
OH, NO! WHIZZY AND I HAVE BOTH BEEN CHANGED INTO PHANTOMS!
YIPES! DARNED UNFRIENDLY OF THEM!
SUPERGIRL
THE PHANTOM ZONE...A TWILIGHT DIMENSION INTO WHICH DANGEROUS KRYPTONIAN CRIMINALS HAD BEEN PROJECTED TO LIVE AS GHOST-LIKE WRAITHS FOR THE DURATION OF THEIR SENTENCES, BECAUSE THE PEOPLE OF KRYPTON DID NOT BELIEVE IN CAPITAL PUNISHMENT...
STRANGE...THE ZONE'S EMPTY EXCEPT FOR YOU AND ME, WHIZZY! I GUESS, AS THE YEARS WENT BY, THE PHANTOMS WHO WERE CONFINED HERE WERE RELEASED ONE BY ONE AS THEIR SENTENCES WERE COMPLETED!
THEN, AS THE PHANTOM SUPERGIRL RETURNS TO THE CLUBHOUSE AND DISCOVERS THE PLOTTERS' IDENTITIES AND PLANS...
NOW TO DESTROY THE REAL LEGIONNAIRES AFTER WE GO TO THE ASTEROID WHERE WE LEFT THEM IN A STATE OF SUSPENDED ANIMATION!
NO!!
I'VE GOT TO STOP THEM! B-BUT HOW?? IN MY PHANTOM STATE, MY HANDS PASS THROUGH SOLID OBJECTS--AND I'M UNABLE TO SPEAK ALOUD!...WAIT... PERHAPS WHIZZY CAN HELP SAVE THE REAL LEGIONNAIRES!
WHIZZY... YOU CAN NOT ONLY READ MINDS, BUT YOU CAN MENTALLY COMMUNICATE WITH OTHERS! PLEASE USE YOUR TELEPATHIC POWERS AS I DIRECT! IT'S URGENT!
GLADLY! JUST THINK OF WHAT YOU WANT ME TO DO AND I'LL GET THE MESSAGE!
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FOLLOWING THE PHANTOM SUPERGIRL'S INSTRUCTIONS, THE PHANTOM WHIZZY COMMUNICATES WITH LON DURYAL, HEAD SCIENTIST AT THE ANDROID FACTORY...
THIS IS WHIZZY RELAYING TELEPATHIC INSTRUCTIONS FROM SUPERGIRL, WHO IS TRAPPED IN THE PHANTOM ZONE! CREATE AN ANDROID CHAMELEON MAN. THEN INSTRUCT THE CHAMELEON ANDROID AS FOLLOWS...
I HEAR A MENTAL VOICE! WHAT IS IT?
QUICKLY, LON DURYAL MANUFACTURES AN ANDROID CHAMELEON MAN, THEN...
GO TO THE SUPER HERO CLUBHOUSE, THEN PROCEED ACCORDING TO THE PLAN I HAVE OUTLINED!
GOT IT!
SOON, AS THE ANDROID ENTERS THE CLUBHOUSE...
ANOTHER CHAMELEON MAN! HAVE YOU COME FROM OUR WORLD WITH FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS FOR US?
I'VE COME TO...
...RELEASE SUPERGIRL AND WHIZZY FROM THE PHANTOM ZONE BY PRESSING THE WHITE BUTTON ON THE PHANTOM ZONE RAY MACHINE--
WHIZZY AND I HAVE MATERIALIZED AGAIN!
THANKS, ANDROID, I'LL TAKE OVER NOW!
YOU CHAMELEON PHONIES ARE GOING TO JAIL!
THAT'S WHAT YOU THINK! WE'LL ESCAPE BY TRANSFORMING OURSELVES INTO OBJECTS SUCH AS TREES OR ROCKS!
OFF SUPER-SPEEDS SUPERGIRL TO THE MINIATURE MARS CITY EXHIBIT...
I'LL BORROW THIS IMPENETRABLE DOME!
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AFTER SUPERGIRL RETURNS...
CHANGE INTO ANYTHING YOU WANT, NOW! YOU STILL WON'T BE ABLE TO ESCAPE FROM THIS DOME! NOW TO NOTIFY THE INTERPLANETARY POLICE TO TAKE YOU CHARACTERS INTO CUSTODY!

PRESENTLY, GUIDED BY HER SUPER-VISION, SUPERGIRL LOCATES THE ASTEROID WHERE THE LEGIONNAIRES ARE IMPRISONED--AND REVIVES THEM WITH AN ANTIDOTE RAY...
SUPERGIRL! WH-WHAT HAPPENED T-TO US?
I'LL EXPLAIN EVERYTHING, COSMIC BOY!

LATER, AS THEY RETURN TO METROPOLIS...
WE OF THE FUTURE OWE YOU SO MUCH, SUPERGIRL! HOW CAN WE EVER THANK YOU?
SKIP IT! YOU'D DO THE SAME FOR MY TIME PERIOD! NOW I MUST RETURN! GOOD-BYE, EVERYBODY! YOU TOO, WHIZZY!
SO LONG, SUPER-GIRL! I'LL NEVER FORGET YOU!

INTO THE TIME-BARRIER AND BACK TOWARD 1962 A.D. FLASHES THE GIRL OF STEEL...
WHAT AN ADVENTURE THAT WAS! THE CHAMELEON MEN GANG SURE HAD ME FOOLED FOR A WHILE! I'D HAVE BEEN A GONER EXCEPT FOR WHIZZY!
2000
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RETURNING TO THE PRESENT, SUPERGIRL SWITCHES TO HER IDENTITY AS LINDA LEE DANVERS...
IT'S GOOD TO BE BACK, STREAKY! I WONDER WHAT YOU'RE THINKING? HA, HA! IF YOU HAD WHIZZY'S TELEPATHIC POWERS YOU COULD TELL ME!
WHIZZY? WHO'S THAT!?

AND TO THINK IT ALL BEGAN WHEN THE HEADS ON THOSE BOOK-ENDS GLOWED! I WONDER WHEN I'LL NEXT BE SUMMONED TO VISIT THE LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES!
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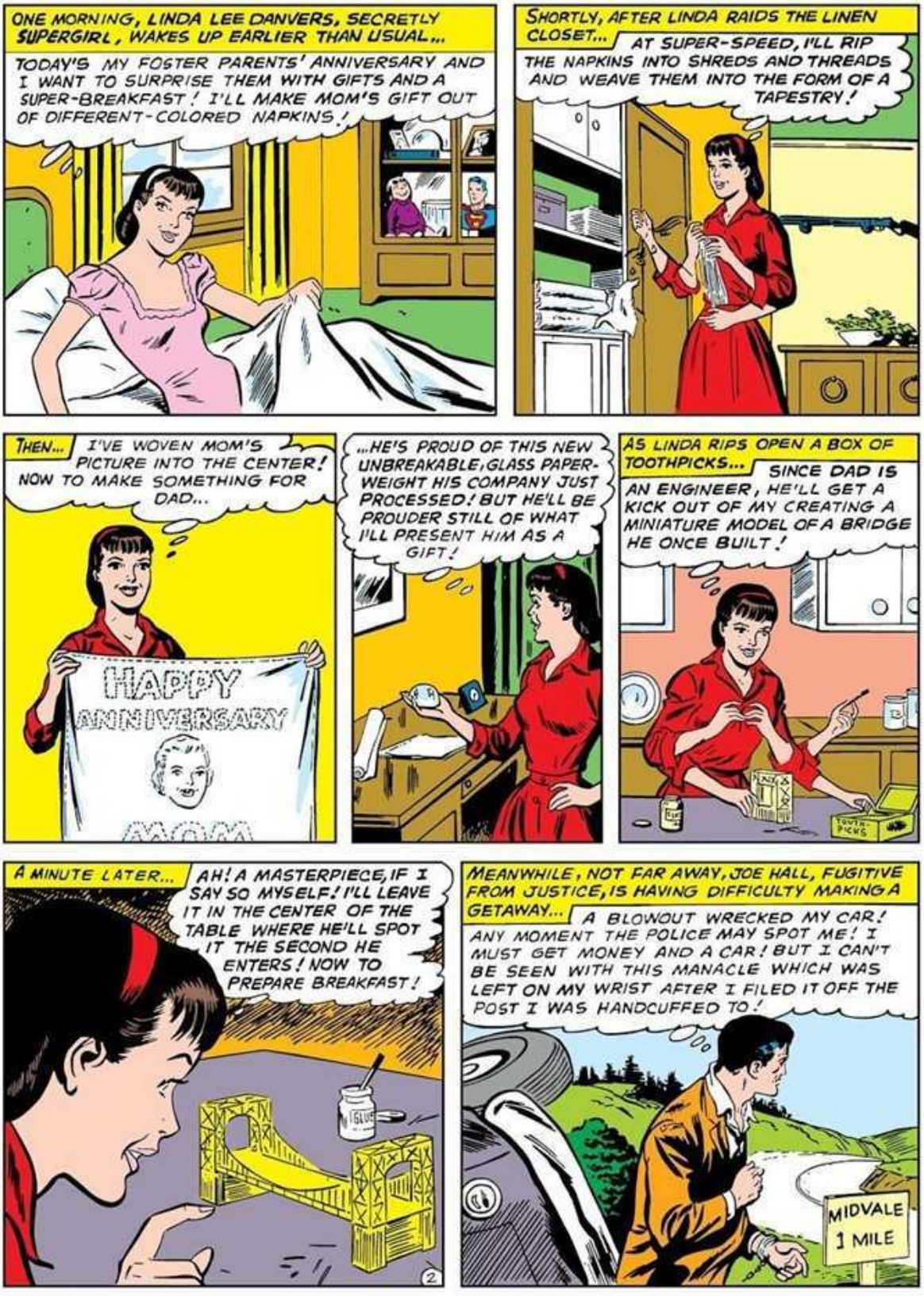
END

SUPERGIRL
OH, DAD! IT'S AWFUL! ;SOB!; ...ALL MY PRECIOUS SOUVENIRS ARE SHATTERED!... ;SOB!; I'VE SAVED THESE THINGS FOR MANY YEARS!
I KNOW, DEAR! IT'S JUST AWFUL! A SUDDEN GUST OF WIND FROM THE OPEN WINDOW MUST'VE BLOWN THE CASE OVER!
LITTLE DOES SUPERGIRL DREAM THAT I MYSELF SMASHED THE CASE AND ALL ITS MEMENTOS-- BECAUSE I MUST MAKE HER CRY AGAIN SO THAT I CAN SAVE HER TEARS!

DESPITE HER SUPER-POWERS, **SUPERGIRL** IS LIKE ANY NORMAL GIRL... SWEET, GENTLE AND EASILY MOVED TO TEARS! BUT THE **LAST** PERSON YOU'D EXPECT TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF HER SOFTNESS WOULD BE HER FOSTER-FATHER, ROBERT DANVERS! HOWEVER, TO YOUR SURPRISE YOU WILL SOON SEE HOW MERCILESSLY DANVERS GOES ABOUT HURTING HIS ADOPTED DAUGHTER, USING TRICK AFTER TRICK TO MAKE HER CRY HER HEART OUT! WHY? WHAT HEARTLESS SCHEME DRIVES HIM TO MAKE **SUPERGIRL** SUFFER CONSTANTLY SO THAT HE BECOMES...

The MAN WHO MADE SUPERGIRL CRY!


ONE MORNING, LINDA LEE DANVERS, SECRETLY SUPERGIRL, WAKES UP EARLIER THAN USUAL...
TODAY'S MY FOSTER PARENTS' ANNIVERSARY AND I WANT TO SURPRISE THEM WITH GIFTS AND A SUPER-BREAKFAST! I'LL MAKE MOM'S GIFT OUT OF DIFFERENT-COLORED NAPKINS!
SHORTLY, AFTER LINDA RAIDS THE LINEN CLOSET...
AT SUPER-SPEED, I'LL RIP THE NAPKINS INTO SHREDS AND THREADS AND WEAVE THEM INTO THE FORM OF A TAPESTRY!
THEN...
I'VE WOVEN MOM'S PICTURE INTO THE CENTER! NOW TO MAKE SOMETHING FOR DAD...
HAPPY ANNIVERSARY
MOM
...HE'S PROUD OF THIS NEW UNBREAKABLE GLASS PAPER-WEIGHT HIS COMPANY JUST PROCESSED! BUT HE'LL BE PROUDER STILL OF WHAT I'LL PRESENT HIM AS A GIFT!
AS LINDA RIPS OPEN A BOX OF TOOTHPICKS...
SINCE DAD IS AN ENGINEER, HE'LL GET A KICK OUT OF MY CREATING A MINIATURE MODEL OF A BRIDGE HE ONCE BUILT!
TOOTH-PICKS
A MINUTE LATER...
AH! A MASTERPIECE, IF I SAY SO MYSELF! I'LL LEAVE IT IN THE CENTER OF THE TABLE WHERE HE'LL SPOT IT THE SECOND HE ENTERS! NOW TO PREPARE BREAKFAST!
GLUE
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MEANWHILE, NOT FAR AWAY, JOE HALL, FUGITIVE FROM JUSTICE, IS HAVING DIFFICULTY MAKING A GETAWAY...
A BLOWOUT WRECKED MY CAR! ANY MOMENT THE POLICE MAY SPOT ME! I MUST GET MONEY AND A CAR! BUT I CAN'T BE SEEN WITH THIS MANACLE WHICH WAS LEFT ON MY WRIST AFTER I FILED IT OFF THE POST I WAS HANDCUFFED TO!
MIDVALE
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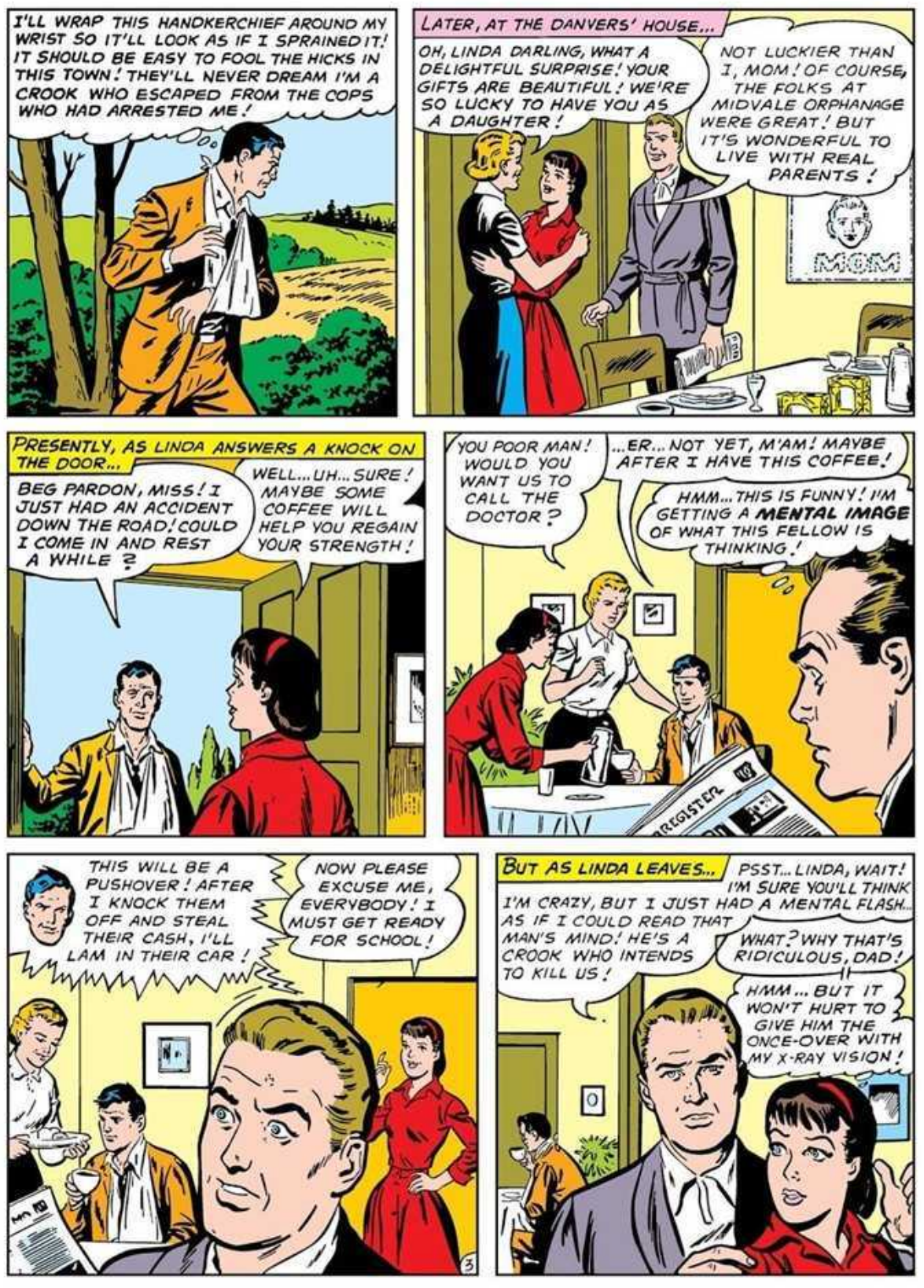
I'LL WRAP THIS HANDKERCHIEF AROUND MY WRIST SO IT'LL LOOK AS IF I SPRAINED IT! IT SHOULD BE EASY TO FOOL THE HICKS IN THIS TOWN! THEY'LL NEVER DREAM I'M A CROOK WHO ESCAPED FROM THE COPS WHO HAD ARRESTED ME!
LATER, AT THE DANVERS' HOUSE...
OH, LINDA DARLING, WHAT A DELIGHTFUL SURPRISE! YOUR GIFTS ARE BEAUTIFUL! WE'RE SO LUCKY TO HAVE YOU AS A DAUGHTER!
NOT LUCKIER THAN I, MOM! OF COURSE, THE FOLKS AT MIDVALE ORPHANAGE WERE GREAT! BUT IT'S WONDERFUL TO LIVE WITH REAL PARENTS!
MOM
PRESENTLY, AS LINDA ANSWERS A KNOCK ON THE DOOR...
BEG PARDON, MISS! I JUST HAD AN ACCIDENT DOWN THE ROAD! COULD I COME IN AND REST A WHILE?
WELL... UH... SURE! MAYBE SOME COFFEE WILL HELP YOU REGAIN YOUR STRENGTH!
YOU POOR MAN! WOULD YOU WANT US TO CALL THE DOCTOR?
...ER... NOT YET, M'AM! MAYBE AFTER I HAVE THIS COFFEE!
HMM... THIS IS FUNNY! I'M GETTING A MENTAL IMAGE OF WHAT THIS FELLOW IS THINKING!
REGISTER
THIS WILL BE A PUSHOVER! AFTER I KNOCK THEM OFF AND STEAL THEIR CASH, I'LL LAM IN THEIR CAR!
NOW PLEASE EXCUSE ME, EVERYBODY! I MUST GET READY FOR SCHOOL!
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BUT AS LINDA LEAVES...
PSST... LINDA, WAIT! I'M SURE YOU'LL THINK I'M CRAZY, BUT I JUST HAD A MENTAL FLASH... AS IF I COULD READ THAT MAN'S MIND! HE'S A CROOK WHO INTENDS TO KILL US!
WHAT? WHY THAT'S RIDICULOUS, DAD!
HMM... BUT IT WON'T HURT TO GIVE HIM THE ONCE-OVER WITH MY X-RAY VISION!

GOSH!! DAD'S RIGHT! HE'S USING THAT SLING TO CONCEAL A HANDCUFF! HE'S ALSO GOT A KNIFE!
HEY! WHAT ARE YOU TWO LOOKING AT?
MAYBE THESE HICKS HEARD A BROADCAST ABOUT ME, GIVING MY DESCRIPTION!
NEXT MOMENT...
THAT HUNTING SHOTGUN ON THE WALL! IT'S BETTER THAN A KNIFE!
OKAY YOU CHUMPS! THE CAT'S OUT OF THE BAG! I HAD NO ACCIDENT... BUT YOU'RE SOON GOING TO HAVE ONE!
GET INTO THAT ROOM! MAKE ONE WRONG MOVE AND I'LL LET YOU HAVE IT...
OH, OH! I'VE GOT AN IDEA! DAD'S NEW, SHATTER-PROOF GLASS PAPERWEIGHT... I'LL SQUEEZE IT AND SUPER-PRESS IT INTO A THIN, TRANSPARENT SHIELD!
AS LINDA APPLIES SUPER-PRESSURE AND WORKS AT SUPER-SPEED...
THEN... NO ONE SAW ME CREATE THIS INVISIBLE SHIELD! NOW TO TRICK THE THUG INTO USING THE SHOTGUN!
THAT GUN WON'T HELP YOU! IT'S LOADED WITH BLANKS!
OH, YEAH? THEN YOU WON'T MIND MY FIRING IT!
BANG!
BANG!
THE SHOTS BOUNCED OFF THE GLASS WITHOUT LEAVING A SCRATCH! I REMEMBERED DAD TELLING ME THAT THE SILICOSE COMPOUND WAS AS STRONG AS STEEL!
SHE TOLD THE TRUTH! THE SHELLS ARE BLANKS!
YOU SKUNK!
MY PLAN WORKED! THE CROOK WAS SO SURPRISED, THAT DAD GOT THE DROP ON HIM!
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LATER, AS THE POLICE ARE SUMMONED...
THAT'S THE LAST WE'LL SEE OF HIM! BUT WE MADE AN ASTOUNDING DISCOVERY, DAD! YOU HAVE THE GIFT OF UNUSUAL EXTRA-SENSORY PERCEPTION! YOU KNEW WHAT THAT CROOK WAS THINKING!
I GUESS SO, LINDA! I JUST NEVER REALIZED IT BEFORE!

WELL, CONSIDER YOURSELF LUCKY! YOUR EXTRA-SENSORY POWERS ALMOST BORDER ON TELEPATHY! NOW I'D BETTER BE OFF TO SCHOOL!
I'LL WALK WITH YOU, LINDA! I MUST DO SOME SHOPPING DOWN-TOWN!
I'LL HANG AROUND AND GO OVER SOME BLUE-PRINTS! I'M NOT DUE AT THE OFFICE UNTIL AFTER 10 A.M.!
ENGLISH II

AN HOUR LATER...
LISTEN, DANVERS, AND OBEY! YOU'RE ONE OF THE FEW MORTALS WHO HAVE TELEPATHIC POWER! YOU CAN RECEIVE ALL OUR INSTRUCTIONS! WE ARE HYPNOTIZING YOU NOW WITH OUR TELEPATHIC VOICES!
W-WHAT?? VOICES SPEAKING IN MY BRAIN? WHERE ARE THEY COMING FROM?

NEVER MIND WHERE THEY'RE COMING FROM, DANVERS! FROM NOW ON, YOU'LL TAKE ORDERS ONLY FROM US! YOU WILL MAKE YOUR DAUGHTER, LINDA, CRY! GET HER TO CRY AND SAVE HER TEARS! NOW THIS IS WHAT YOU'LL DO... ARE YOU LISTENING?
YES... I'M LISTENING!

THAT AFTERNOON, AFTER SCHOOL, AS LINDA CHANGES TO SUPERGIRL AND GOES ON PATROL...
SINCE SUPERMAN IS AWAY, THE POLICE ASKED ME TO TRAIL THOSE HELICOPTER BANDITS WHO JUST PULLED A STICKUP! BUT AN AIRLINER JUST SHEARED OFF ITS PROPELLOR BLADES!
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INSIDE THE HELICOPTER...
W-WE'RE GOIN' DOWN, ROCKY! WHAT'S WRONG?
I DON'T KNOW!
WITH MY SUPER-HEARING I JUST OVER-HEARD THE THIEVES' CONVERSATION! THEY DON'T KNOW THEIR PROPELLOR IS GONE! THAT GIVES ME AN IDEA! I'LL TAKE THE PLACE OF THEIR PROPELLOR BLADES!

WAIT, ROCKY! WE AIN'T FALLIN' NO MORE! WE CAN HEAD DIRECTLY FOR OUR SECRET HIDEOUT!
WHEW! MY SCHEME WORKED! IF I ALLOWED THE 'COPTER TO FALL AND I RESCUED THE CROOKS, I MIGHT NEVER HAVE DISCOVERED THE HIDING PLACE OF THEIR STOLEN GOODS!
PRESENTLY...
WE'RE SUNK! IT'S SUPERGIRL! HOW'D SHE GET HERE?
MEET THE HUMAN PROPELLOR! I TOOK THE PLACE OF THE REGULAR BLADES TO LEARN THE LOCATION OF YOUR HIDEOUT!
THAT EVENING, AS LINDA'S FOSTER-FATHER OBEYS ANOTHER MYSTERIOUS MENTAL COMMAND...
THAT'S IT, DANVERS! YOUR DAUGHTER IS WILD ABOUT THIS SOUVENIR CASE! SMASH ALL THE MEMENTOS IN IT! WHEN SHE FINDS EVERYTHING RUINED, SHE SHOULD BURST INTO TEARS!
YES, MASTERS!
AN HOUR LATER...
DAD, WHAT HAPPENED? MY SOUVENIRS ARE SHATTERED!
I KNOW, DEAR! I HEARD THE CRASH AND RAN UPSTAIRS! I FOUND THE WINDOW OPEN! A SUDDEN GUST OF WIND MUST'VE BLOWN THE CASE DOWN!
OH, DAD! SOB! IT'S AWFUL! SOB!... I'VE SAVED THESE THINGS EVER SINCE I CAME TO THE ORPHANAGE! THAT BUST OF SUPERMAN!... AND THAT DOLL DICK MALVERNE WON FOR ME AT THE MIDVALE FAIR TWO YEARS AGO...
AH! SHE'S CRYING, AS I HOPED!
SUPERGIRL'S THE MIGHTIEST FEMALE OF ALL TIME! BUT AT HEART, SHE'S AS QUICK TO CRY AS ANY ORDINARY GIRL! I MUST CATCH HER TEARS BEFORE THEY EVAPORATE!
NOW, NOW, SUPERGIRL! NO HARM IS DONE!
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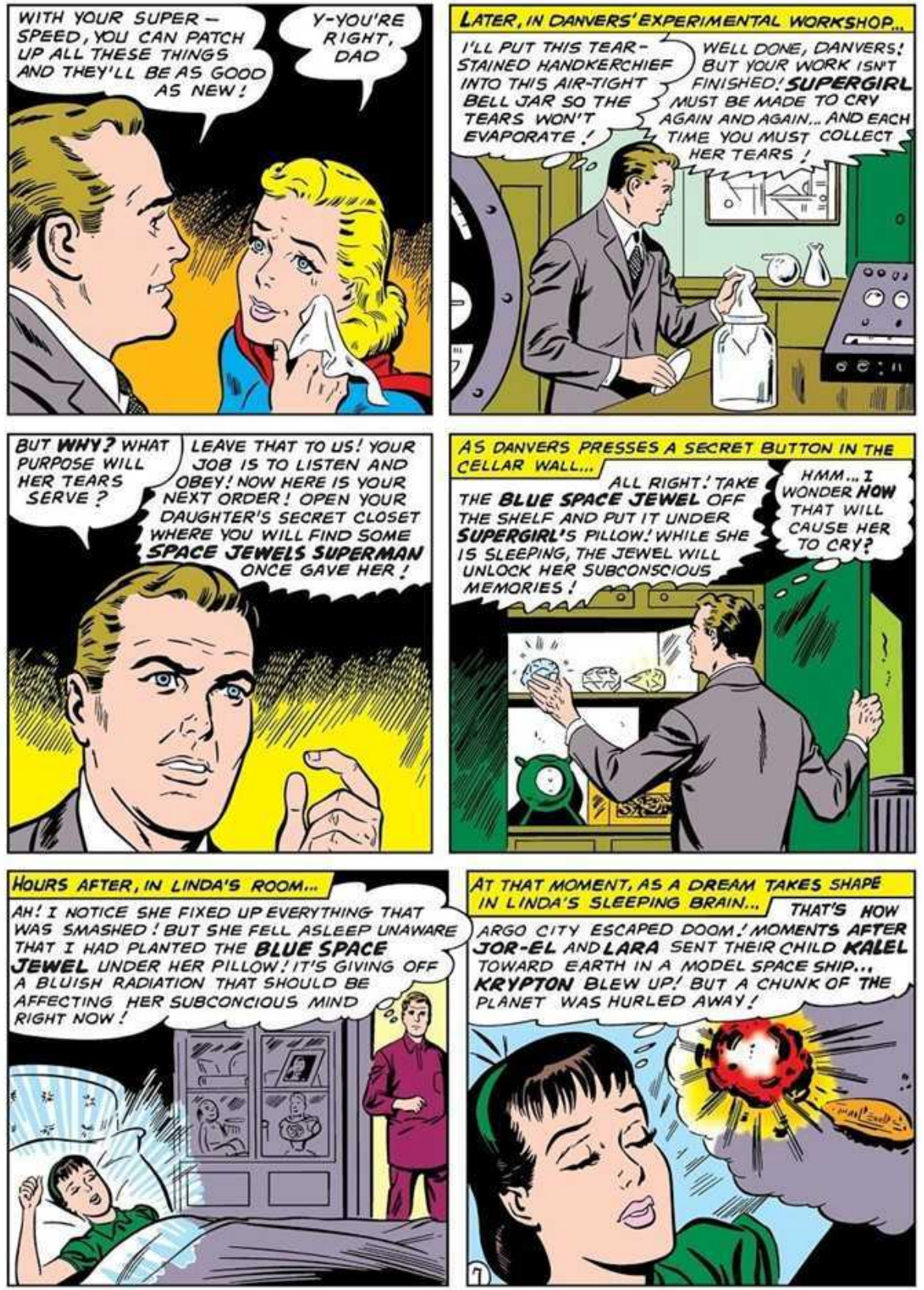
WITH YOUR SUPER-SPEED, YOU CAN PATCH UP ALL THESE THINGS AND THEY'LL BE AS GOOD AS NEW!
Y-YOU'RE RIGHT, DAD
LATER, IN DANVERS' EXPERIMENTAL WORKSHOP...
I'LL PUT THIS TEAR-STAINED HANDKERCHIEF INTO THIS AIR-TIGHT BELL JAR SO THE TEARS WON'T EVAPORATE!
WELL DONE, DANVERS! BUT YOUR WORK ISN'T FINISHED! SUPERGIRL MUST BE MADE TO CRY AGAIN AND AGAIN... AND EACH TIME YOU MUST COLLECT HER TEARS!
BUT WHY? WHAT PURPOSE WILL HER TEARS SERVE?
LEAVE THAT TO US! YOUR JOB IS TO LISTEN AND OBEY! NOW HERE IS YOUR NEXT ORDER! OPEN YOUR DAUGHTER'S SECRET CLOSET WHERE YOU WILL FIND SOME SPACE JEWELS SUPERMAN ONCE GAVE HER!
AS DANVERS PRESSES A SECRET BUTTON IN THE CELLAR WALL...
ALL RIGHT! TAKE THE BLUE SPACE JEWEL OFF THE SHELF AND PUT IT UNDER SUPERGIRL'S PILLOW! WHILE SHE IS SLEEPING, THE JEWEL WILL UNLOCK HER SUBCONSCIOUS MEMORIES!
HMM... I WONDER HOW THAT WILL CAUSE HER TO CRY?
HOURS AFTER, IN LINDA'S ROOM...
AH! I NOTICE SHE FIXED UP EVERYTHING THAT WAS SMASHED! BUT SHE FELL ASLEEP UNAWARE THAT I HAD PLANTED THE BLUE SPACE JEWEL UNDER HER PILLOW! IT'S GIVING OFF A BLUISH RADIATION THAT SHOULD BE AFFECTING HER SUBCONCIOUS MIND RIGHT NOW!
AT THAT MOMENT, AS A DREAM TAKES SHAPE IN LINDA'S SLEEPING BRAIN...
THAT'S HOW ARGO CITY ESCAPED DOOM! MOMENTS AFTER JOR-EL AND LARA SENT THEIR CHILD KALEL TOWARD EARTH IN A MODEL SPACE SHIP... KRYPTON BLEW UP! BUT A CHUNK OF THE PLANET WAS HURLED AWAY!

ARGO CITY WAS ON THAT CHUNK! BUT THE EXPLOSION CHANGED THE CHUNK'S GROUND TO DEADLY KRYPTONITE! A SCIENTIST, ZOR-EL, WHO WAS ALSO THE BROTHER OF JOR-EL, GAVE ORDERS TO COVER THE GROUND WITH LEAD SHEET METAL TO PROTECT OUR PEOPLE FROM THE KRYPTONITE RAYS! SHORTLY AFTER, I WAS BORN—KARA ZOR-EL!
SUDDENLY, AS LINDA DREAMS, HER EXPRESSION CHANGES...
OH, NO! I DON'T WANT TO SEE THIS SIGHT AGAIN! IT'S TOO HORRIBLE!... SOB!... THIS IS THE DAY, YEARS LATER, WHEN A METEOR SWARM FELL UPON ARGO CITY! I STILL REMEMBER HOW THE METEORS SMASHED HOLES IN THE LEAD SHIELDS, RELEASING DEADLY KRYPTONITE!
IT-IT WAS SO GHASTLY!... SOB! BUT DAD HAD PREPARED FOR THE CATASTROPHE! HE HAD WATCHED SUPERMAN ON EARTH THROUGH A SUPER-TELESCOPE AND HAD BUILT A ROCKET TO TAKE ME TO EARTH, TOO!... SOB! ... BUT I DIDN'T WANT TO GO! I FOUGHT TO STAY!
OH, NO! I CAN'T FACE IT! IT'S TOO CRUEL!... SOB! ... MY ROCKET ZOOMED INTO SPACE LEAVING BEHIND, IN A DEAD CITY, EVERY-ONE I KNEW AND LOVED! SOB!
GOSH, SHE'S BURSTING INTO TEARS! I'D BETTER HIDE THE SPACE JEWEL BEFORE SHE WAKES AND SUSPECTS SOMETHING!
SHORTLY, AS LINDA AWAKENS...
NOW I KNOW WHAT THAT BLUE JEWEL DID! IT MADE HER DREAM SOME HORRIBLE NIGHTMARE!
DARLING! WHAT'S THE MATTER?
OH, DAD! SOB! I COULDN'T STAND IT!... I WAS DREAMING ABOUT ARGO CITY! SOB!
SOB! I WAS RELIVING EVERY TERRIFYING MOMENT OF ITS DESTRUCTION! IT WAS AWFUL, DAD! SOB!
YOU POOR CHILD! TRY NOT TO THINK OF IT NOW!
I MUST CATCH EVERY ONE OF HER TEARS!
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LATER, IN THE CELLAR...
NOW I'LL PRESERVE THE TEARS ON THIS SECOND HANDKERCHIEF! BUT I WONDER WHO'S COMMUNICATING WITH ME TELEPATHICALLY? WHO CAN THEY BE?
AH, DANVERS... YOU CARRIED OUT OUR COMMANDS PERFECTLY!
TOO BAD WE DIDN'T KNOW BEFORE THAT YOU HAD EXTRA-SENSORY POWERS OR WE WOULD'VE HYPNOTIZED YOU LONG AGO! BUT YOUR WORK ISN'T COMPLETE! WE NEED A FEW MORE SUPER-TEARS! SO, DANVERS, THIS IS HOW YOU'LL TRICK YOUR DAUGHTER NEXT...
NEXT DAY, WHEN LINDA RETURNS FROM SCHOOL...
DAD! WHAT'S WRONG? YOU LOOK SO PALE!
I JUST RECEIVED A CALL FROM THE HOSPITAL! THEY SAID MOM WAS KILLED IN AN AUTO ACCIDENT!
NOW WATCH HER WEEP!
BUT JUST THEN...
SAY! WHAT'S WITH YOU TWO? YOU LOOK AS IF YOU'D SEEN A GHOST!
YOU'RE ALIVE!
DARN IT! I DIDN'T EXPECT EDNA BACK FOR ANOTHER HOUR! SHE SPOILED MY RUSE FOR GETTING MORE TEARS FROM LINDA!
I MUST CONCEAL MY DISAPPOINTMENT AND BRAZEN OUT MY LIE!
SOMEBODY CALLED AND SAID YOU HAD AN ACCIDENT... BUT IT MUST HAVE BEEN A CRUEL, PRACTICAL JOKER!
OH, MOM, MY HEART ALMOST STOPPED BEATING!
I-I'M SO HAPPY... I-I... SOB!
JUMPING JUPITER! SHE'S CRYING! BUT NOT OUT OF SORROW... OUT OF JOY! I CAN COLLECT HER TEARS OF HAPPINESS!
AFTER LINDA SWITCHES TO SUPERGIRL AND GOES ON PATROL...
I WONDER IF THERE ARE ENOUGH TEARS NOW... OR WILL THOSE WHO CONTROL MY MIND WANT ME TO MAKE LINDA CRY SOME MORE?
WE'LL ANSWER YOU, DANVERS! YOU HAVE COLLECTED ENOUGH TEARS FOR OUR PURPOSE! NOW SQUEEZE OUT THE HANDKERCHIEFS!
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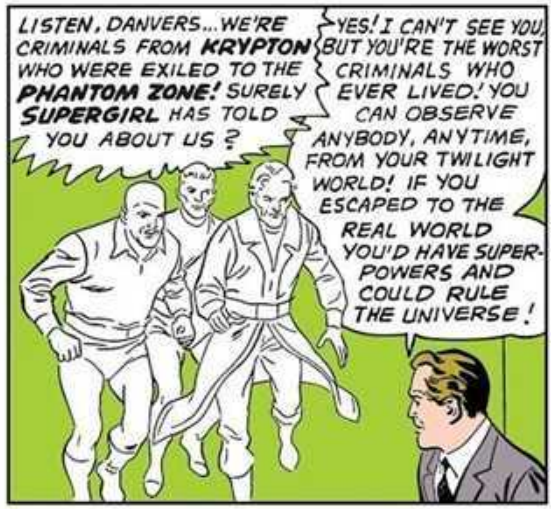
WHO IS COMMANDING ME? WHAT WILL YOU DO WITH THE TEARS?
JAX-UR, TELL THE FOOL DANVERS HE CAN'T STOP US!
ALL RIGHT! AS BEFORE, IF THREE OF US COMBINE OUR THOUGHTS, OUR COMBINED TELEPATHIC FORCE CAN BE PROJECTED TO DANVERS'S MIND!


LISTEN, DANVERS... WE'RE CRIMINALS FROM KRYPTON WHO WERE EXILED TO THE PHANTOM ZONE! SURELY SUPERGIRL HAS TOLD YOU ABOUT US?
YES! I CAN'T SEE YOU, BUT YOU'RE THE WORST CRIMINALS WHO EVER LIVED! YOU CAN OBSERVE ANYBODY, ANYTIME, FROM YOUR TWILIGHT WORLD! IF YOU ESCAPED TO THE REAL WORLD YOU'D HAVE SUPER-POWERS AND COULD RULE THE UNIVERSE!

EXACTLY! AND YOU'RE GOING TO FREE US BY COMBINING SUPERGIRL'S SUPER-TEARS WITH A CHEMICAL FORMULA WE'LL DICTATE TO YOU! SO POWERFUL ARE HER TEARS THAT THEY WILL ACTIVATE THE MIXTURE INTO CAUSING A HOLE IN THE PHANTOM ZONE!
GASP!
AND YOU INTEND TO ESCAPE THROUGH THAT HOLE!

UNFORTUNATELY, THE HOLE WILL PERMIT ONLY A FEW OF US TO ESCAPE AT FIRST! BUT AFTER THE CHOSEN ONES GET OUT AND ACQUIRE SUPER-POWERS, THEY'LL COLLECT OUNCES MORE OF SUPER-TEARS... ENOUGH TO FREE THE REST OF US! BUT NOW, DANVERS, OPEN YOUR CHEMICAL CABINET!
YES, MASTERS!

SHORTLY, AS DANVERS RECEIVES HIS INSTRUCTIONS...
LOOK AT THE SCANT QUANTITY OF TEARS HE'S SQUEEZING INTO THE FORMULA! IF ONLY WE COULD'VE HYPNOTIZED SUPERGIRL INTO CRYING CONTINUOUSLY, WE COULD HAVE POURED A TEST TUBE FULL OF TEARS INTO THE POTION AND WE'D ALL BE ABLE TO ESCAPE AT ONCE!
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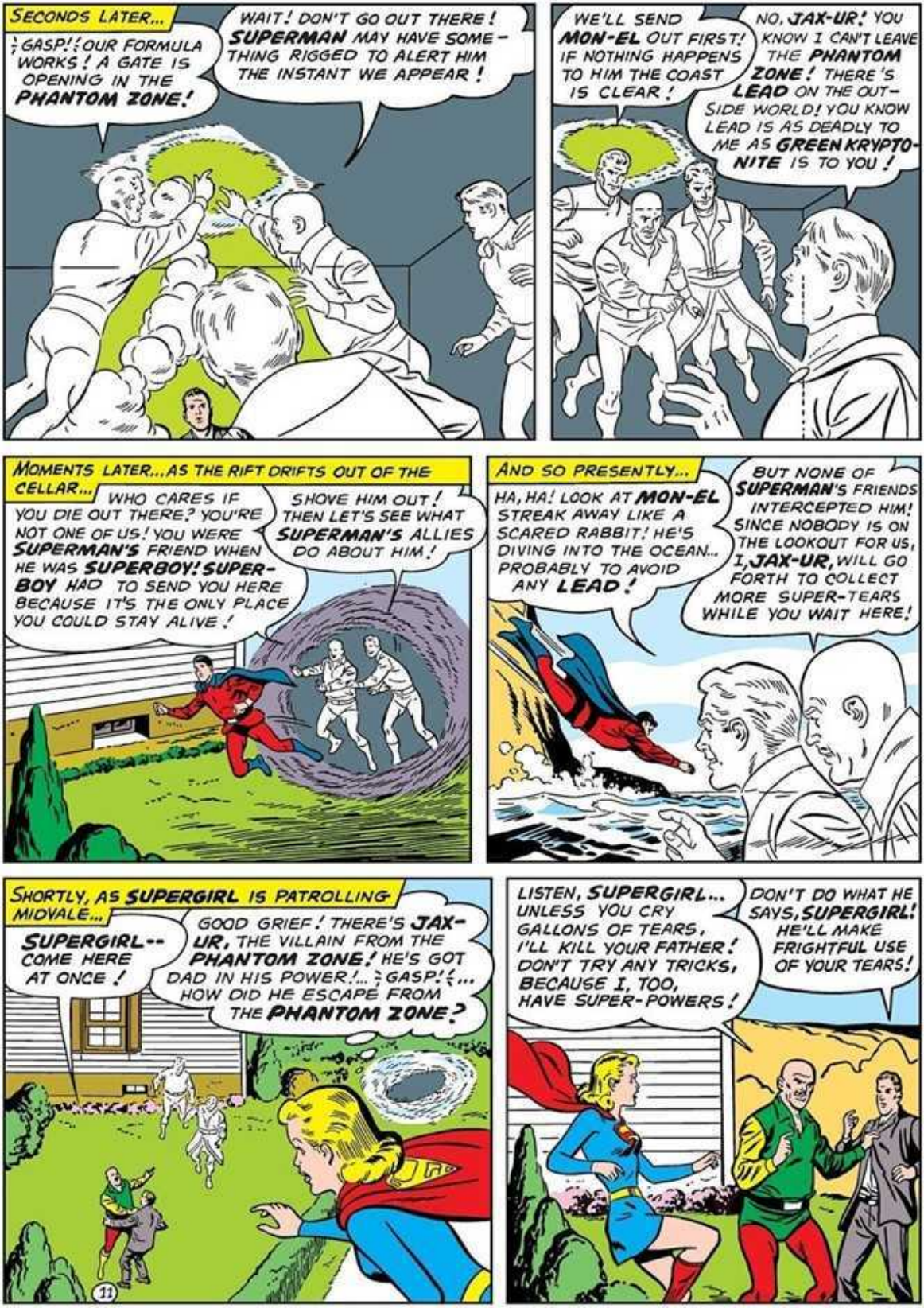
BAH! WHY TALK OF THE IMPOSSIBLE? YOU KNOW WE CAN'T OVERPOWER HER SUPER-MIND WITH OUR HYPNOTIC POWER! ONLY A NORMAL PERSON LIKE DANVERS WHO POSSESSES RARE, PSYCHIC POWER COULD RECEIVE OUR TELEPATHIC COMMANDS!
LOOK! THE MIXTURE IS FUMING!


SECONDS LATER...
;GASP!;OUR FORMULA WORKS! A GATE IS OPENING IN THE PHANTOM ZONE!
WAIT! DON'T GO OUT THERE! SUPERMAN MAY HAVE SOMETHING RIGGED TO ALERT HIM THE INSTANT WE APPEAR!
WE'LL SEND MON-EL OUT FIRST! IF NOTHING HAPPENS TO HIM THE COAST IS CLEAR!
NO, JAX-UR! YOU KNOW I CAN'T LEAVE THE PHANTOM ZONE! THERE'S LEAD ON THE OUTSIDE WORLD! YOU KNOW LEAD IS AS DEADLY TO ME AS GREEN KRYPTONITE IS TO YOU!
MOMENTS LATER...AS THE RIFT DRIFTS OUT OF THE CELLAR...
WHO CARES IF YOU DIE OUT THERE? YOU'RE NOT ONE OF US! YOU WERE SUPERMAN'S FRIEND WHEN HE WAS SUPERBOY! SUPERBOY HAD TO SEND YOU HERE BECAUSE IT'S THE ONLY PLACE YOU COULD STAY ALIVE!
SHOVE HIM OUT! THEN LET'S SEE WHAT SUPERMAN'S ALLIES DO ABOUT HIM!
AND SO PRESENTLY...
HA, HA! LOOK AT MON-EL STREAK AWAY LIKE A SCARED RABBIT! HE'S DIVING INTO THE OCEAN... PROBABLY TO AVOID ANY LEAD!
BUT NONE OF SUPERMAN'S FRIENDS INTERCEPTED HIM! SINCE NOBODY IS ON THE LOOKOUT FOR US, I, JAX-UR, WILL GO FORTH TO COLLECT MORE SUPER-TEARS WHILE YOU WAIT HERE!
SHORTLY, AS SUPERGIRL IS PATROLLING MIDVALE...
SUPERGIRL--COME HERE AT ONCE!
GOOD GRIEF! THERE'S JAX-UR, THE VILLAIN FROM THE PHANTOM ZONE! HE'S GOT DAD IN HIS POWER!...;GASP!;... HOW DID HE ESCAPE FROM THE PHANTOM ZONE?
LISTEN, SUPERGIRL... UNLESS YOU CRY GALLONS OF TEARS, I'LL KILL YOUR FATHER! DON'T TRY ANY TRICKS, BECAUSE I, TOO, HAVE SUPER-POWERS!
DON'T DO WHAT HE SAYS, SUPERGIRL! HE'LL MAKE FRIGHTFUL USE OF YOUR TEARS!
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FOOL, BE SILENT! YES, SUPERGIRL! YOUR FATHER KNOWS MY SCHEME! UNDER OUR HYPNOTIC CONTROL HE MADE YOU CRY THREE TIMES AND COLLECTED YOUR TEARS! NOW I'LL COLLECT THEM! START CRYING... OR I'LL KILL YOUR FATHER!
N-NO! DON'T... SOB! I'LL CRY, YOU BRUTE!
SUDDENLY...
MON-EL! YOU'RE BACK!... GASP! ...YOU'VE FISHED A GREEN KRYPTONITE METEOR OUT OF THE SEA!
RIGHT! SINCE I'M NOT A NATIVE OF KRYPTON LIKE YOU OR SUPERGIRL, I'M IMMUNE TO ITS RADIATIONS, BUT YOU'RE NOT, JAX-UR! GO BACK TO THE PHANTOM ZONE OR DIE!
WHEN YOU PUSHED ME OUT OF THE PHANTOM ZONE I WASN'T AFRAID... I WAS GLAD! I WANTED TO BE THE FIRST TO LEAVE IN ORDER TO GET THE KRYPTONITE THAT WOULD RUIN YOUR SCHEME!
BRAVE MON-EL! HE RISKED DEATH FROM EXPOSURE TO LEAD TO SAVE ME!
THEN, AFTER MON-EL TELLS SUPERGIRL OF JAX-UR'S PLOT...
I CAN'T STAY IN YOUR WORLD, SUPERGIRL! I MIGHT COME IN CONTACT WITH LEAD! BUT BEFORE I RETURN, I'LL HEAVE THIS KRYPTONITE METEOR INTO SPACE! NOW FARE-WELL... I MUST LEAVE BEFORE THE RIFT CLOSES UP FOREVER!
FAREWELL... DEAR MON-EL! YOU'RE THE SAME SELF-SACRIFICING FRIEND TO ME THAT YOU WERE TO SUPERBOY!
LATER, AS SUPERGIRL REVIVES HER FATHER...
BAH! SHE DESTROYED THE TEAR-FORMULA WITH HER HEAT-VISION! THANKS TO MON-EL, THE RIFT IS SEALED! BUT WE'LL DOPE OUT ANOTHER SCHEME TO ESCAPE FROM THE PHANTOM ZONE!
SOME DAY I MUST FREE MON-EL FROM THAT DREADED TWILIGHT WORLD!
YES, IF NOT FOR HIM, I MIGHT BE DEAD NOW! BUT I'VE DISCOVERED SOMETHING! I CAN'T RECEIVE EXTRA-SENSORY THOUGHTS ANY MORE! JAX-UR'S BLOW MUST'VE ROBBED ME OF MY PSYCHIC POWER!
BE GLAD YOU'RE RID OF IT, DAD! AS YOU SEE, INSTEAD OF A BLESSING, IT ALMOST BECAME A CURSE! AND I CERTAINLY WON'T CRY OVER YOUR LOSS!
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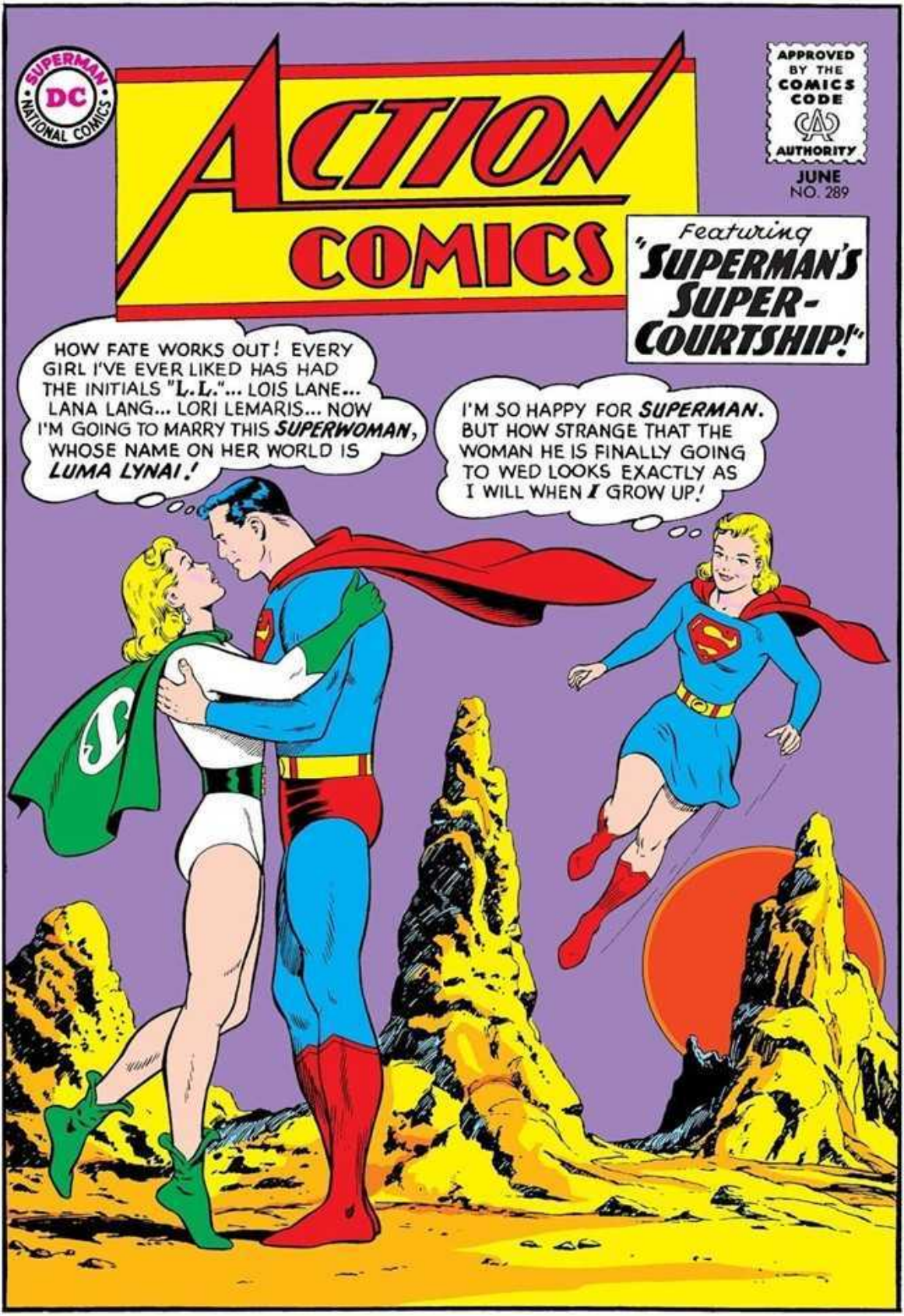
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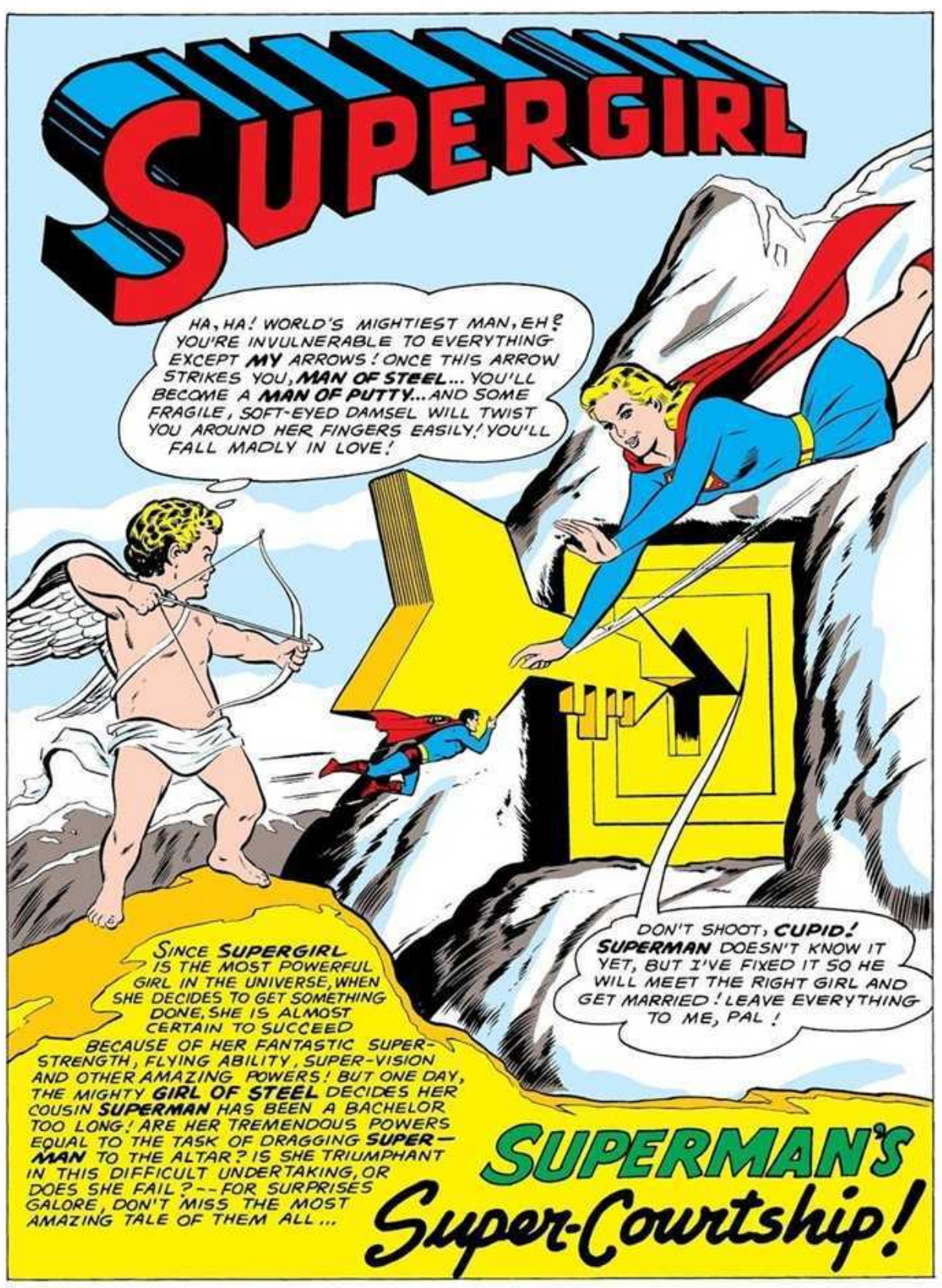
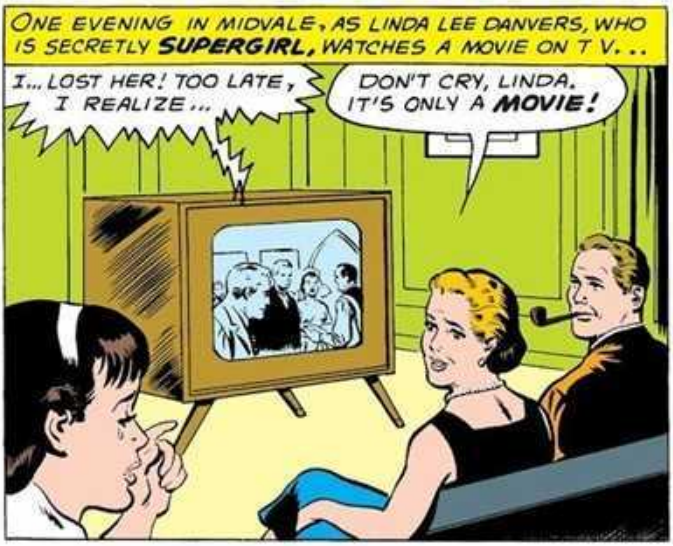
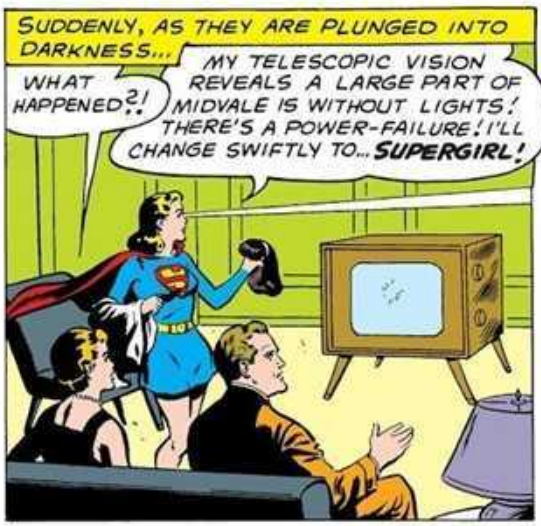
I'M SO HAPPY FOR SUPERMAN. BUT HOW STRANGE THAT THE WOMAN HE IS FINALLY GOING TO WED LOOKS EXACTLY AS I WILL WHEN I GROW UP!


SUPERGIRL
HA, HA! WORLD'S MIGHTIEST MAN, EH? YOU'RE INVULNERABLE TO EVERYTHING EXCEPT MY ARROWS! ONCE THIS ARROW STRIKES YOU, MAN OF STEEL... YOU'LL BECOME A MAN OF PUTTY... AND SOME FRAGILE, SOFT-EYED DAMSEL WILL TWIST YOU AROUND HER FINGERS EASILY! YOU'LL FALL MADLY IN LOVE!
DON'T SHOOT, CUPID! SUPERMAN DOESN'T KNOW IT YET, BUT I'VE FIXED IT SO HE WILL MEET THE RIGHT GIRL AND GET MARRIED! LEAVE EVERYTHING TO ME, PAL!
SINCE SUPERGIRL IS THE MOST POWERFUL GIRL IN THE UNIVERSE, WHEN SHE DECIDES TO GET SOMETHING DONE, SHE IS ALMOST CERTAIN TO SUCCEED
BECAUSE OF HER FANTASTIC SUPER-STRENGTH, FLYING ABILITY, SUPER-VISION AND OTHER AMAZING POWERS! BUT ONE DAY, THE MIGHTY GIRL OF STEEL DECIDES HER COUSIN SUPERMAN HAS BEEN A BACHELOR TOO LONG! ARE HER TREMENDOUS POWERS EQUAL TO THE TASK OF DRAGGING SUPER-MAN TO THE ALTAR? IS SHE TRIUMPHANT IN THIS DIFFICULT UNDERTAKING, OR DOES SHE FAIL?--FOR SURPRISES GALORE, DON'T MISS THE MOST AMAZING TALE OF THEM ALL...
SUPERMAN'S
Super-Courtship!


ONE EVENING IN MIDVALE, AS LINDA LEE DANVERS, WHO IS SECRETLY SUPERGIRL, WATCHES A MOVIE ON T V. . .
I... LOST HER! TOO LATE, I REALIZE...
DON'T CRY, LINDA. IT'S ONLY A MOVIE!

TOO LATE!... ;MOAN;-- TOO LATE!
HOW... PITIFUL! TH-THE BACHELOR IN THAT STORY DELAYED PROPOSING TOO LONG! HIS SWEETHEART HAS MARRIED ANOTHER! NOW HE'LL NEVER KNOW TRUE HAPPINESS! ;CHOKE;-- I FEEL SO SORRY FOR HIM!


SUDDENLY, AS THEY ARE PLUNGED INTO DARKNESS...
WHAT HAPPENED?!
MY TELESCOPIC VISION REVEALS A LARGE PART OF MIDVALE IS WITHOUT LIGHTS! THERE'S A POWER-FAILURE! I'LL CHANGE SWIFTLY TO... SUPERGIRL!

STREAKING INTO ACTION, SUPERGIRL LOCATES THE SOURCE OF THE BLACK-OUT...
MY SUPER-VISION HAS LOCATED A BREAK IN THE UNDERGROUND MAIN POWER CABLE! NOW TO TUNNEL DOWN AND REPAIR THE DAMAGE!
MARKET

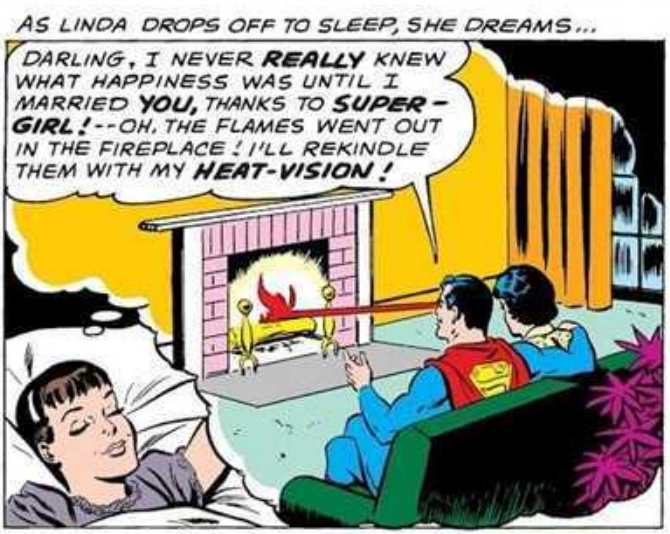
BUT AS THE GIRL OF STEEL LIFTS THE BROKEN CABLE ENDS...
;GASP!; WHAT A GAL! THOUSANDS OF VOLTS ARE FLASHING THROUGH HER BODY, YET SHE'S UNHARMED!
HOORAY, SUPERGIRL!
ZZZZZT
I'LL FIX THIS QUICKLY!

COMPLETING THE REPAIR JOB, SUPERGIRL SPEEDS BACK INTO HER PARENTS' HOME, AND SWITCHES IDENTITIES AGAIN...
GOOD WORK, LINDA!
SHE'S NOT LISTENING, FRED! PROBABLY STILL THINKING ABOUT THAT SAD MOVIE!

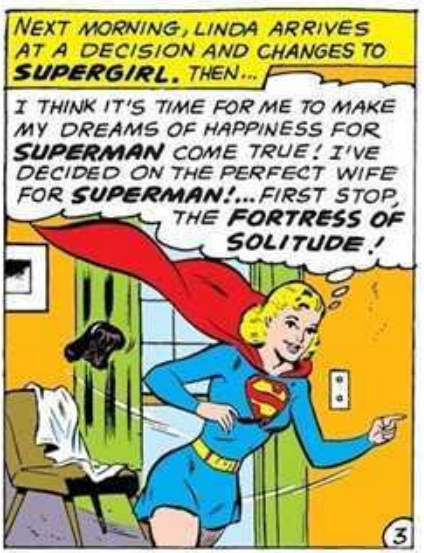
MOM... DAD... I'M WORRIED! IT DOESN'T LOOK AS IF SUPERMAN IS EVER GOING TO MARRY EITHER LOIS LANE OR LANA LANG! I DON'T WANT HIM TO BE AN UNHAPPY BACHELOR FOREVER!

MAYBE IF I PLAYED CUPID... FIXED IT SO HE'D MEET THE RIGHT GIRL... HE'D GET MARRIED, AND NOT LIVE UNHAPPILY EVER AFTER, LIKE THAT SORROWFUL BACHELOR WE SAW IN THAT MOVIE!
THAT'S OUT!

DON'T INTERFERE IN SUPERMAN'S PERSONAL LIFE, LINDA! EVERY MAN PREFERS TO PICK OUT HIS OWN WIFE!
YOUR FATHER'S RIGHT, LINDA! NOW FORGET THIS NONSENSE! IT'S TIME TO GO TO BED!
I CAN'T FORGET IT!


AS LINDA DROPS OFF TO SLEEP, SHE DREAMS...
DARLING, I NEVER REALLY KNEW WHAT HAPPINESS WAS UNTIL I MARRIED YOU, THANKS TO SUPER-GIRL!--OH, THE FLAMES WENT OUT IN THE FIREPLACE! I'LL REKINDLE THEM WITH MY HEAT-VISION!

ON SHE SLUMBERS, DREAMING OF WEDDED BLISS FOR SUPERMAN...
I'M GLAD YOU DON'T MIND MY BRINGING HOME A FRIEND FROM ANOTHER PLANET FOR DINNER, SWEETHEART.
YOU DIDN'T EXAGGERATE, SUPERMAN! YOUR WIFE IS THE BEST COOK IN THE UNIVERSE!


NEXT MORNING, LINDA ARRIVES AT A DECISION AND CHANGES TO SUPERGIRL. THEN...
I THINK IT'S TIME FOR ME TO MAKE MY DREAMS OF HAPPINESS FOR SUPERMAN COME TRUE! I'VE DECIDED ON THE PERFECT WIFE FOR SUPERMAN!... FIRST STOP, THE FORTRESS OF SOLITUDE!
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AFTER A BRIEF VISIT INSIDE THE ARCTIC FORTRESS, THE GIRL OF STEEL EMERGES AND HURTLES SKYWARD AT FANTASTIC SPEED...
BACK INTO THE PAST, THROUGH THE TIME-BARRIER!
LATER, AS SUPERMAN RETURNS TO THE FORTRESS FROM AN OUTER SPACE MISSION...
AN URGENT NOTE FROM SUPERGIRL!
Superman: Important! Join me in Ancient Troy on day indicated in Time Traveling Log Book! Supergirl
TIME TRAVELING LOG BOOK
AND NOW LET'S VISIT ANCIENT TROY WHERE SUPERGIRL HAS FLOWN THROUGH THE TIME-BARRIER...
THE GIRL I'VE CHOSEN FOR SUPERMAN IS SEATED IN A ROYAL BOX IN THE ARENA BELOW!
SHE IS...HELEN OF TROY, THE MOST BEAUTIFUL WOMAN OF ALL HISTORY! SUPERMAN AND I STUDIED, AND KNOW, EVERY ANCIENT LANGUAGE! MY RESEARCH REVEALED SHE VISITED TROY ON THIS DAY, LONG BEFORE SHE MARRIED KING MENELAUS OF SPARTA!
THOUGH SUPERMAN HAS FAILED TO CHANGE HISTORY BEFORE, I'M HOPEFUL THAT LOVE WILL NOW CONQUER THE IMPOSSIBLE! THE MIGHTIEST MAN AND THE MOST BEAUTIFUL WOMAN OF ALL TIME--WOULD MAKE A MARVELOUS MATCH!
A--F-FLYING MAIDEN!
AS COURT ADVISOR OF YOUR FATHER, KING TYNDAREUS, I WARN YOU... BEWARE OF THIS STRANGE MAIDEN!
DISREGARD OLD RHONDOUS! WHO BE YOU?
LINDA LEE... FROM ANOTHER LAND! I'VE JOURNEYED HERE TO INTRODUCE YOU TO THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST MAN! HE WILL SOON ARRIVE!
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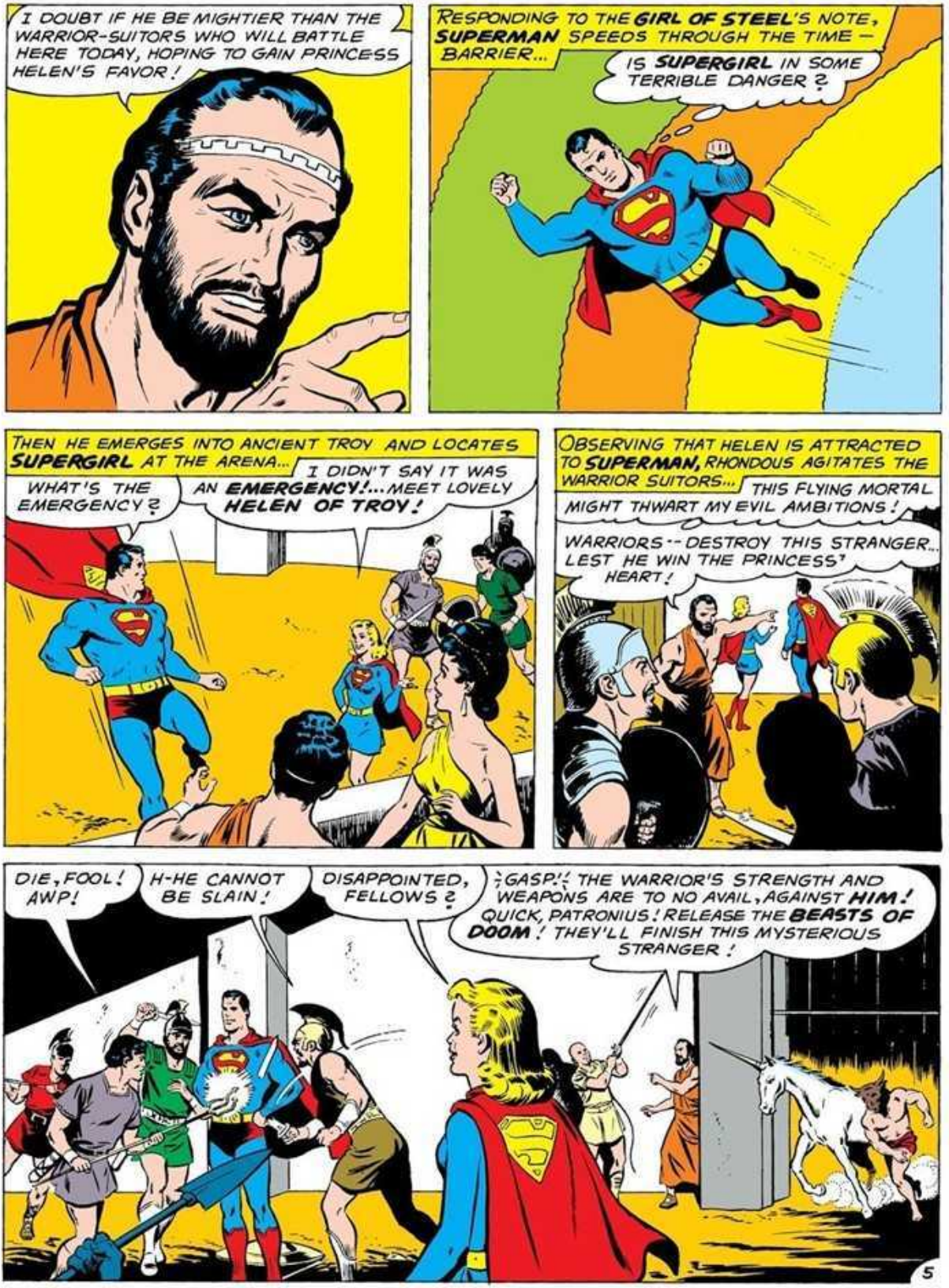
I DOUBT IF HE BE MIGHTIER THAN THE WARRIOR-SUITORS WHO WILL BATTLE HERE TODAY, HOPING TO GAIN PRINCESS HELEN'S FAVOR!
RESPONDING TO THE GIRL OF STEEL'S NOTE, SUPERMAN SPEEDS THROUGH THE TIME-BARRIER...
IS SUPERGIRL IN SOME TERRIBLE DANGER?
THEN HE EMERGES INTO ANCIENT TROY AND LOCATES SUPERGIRL AT THE ARENA...
WHAT'S THE EMERGENCY?
I DIDN'T SAY IT WAS AN EMERGENCY!... MEET LOVELY HELEN OF TROY!
OBSERVING THAT HELEN IS ATTRACTED TO SUPERMAN, RHONDOUS AGITATES THE WARRIOR SUITORS...
THIS FLYING MORTAL MIGHT THWART MY EVIL AMBITIONS!
WARRIORS--DESTROY THIS STRANGER... LEST HE WIN THE PRINCESS' HEART!
DIE, FOOL! AWP!
H-HE CANNOT BE SLAIN!
DISAPPOINTED, FELLOWS?
;GASP!; THE WARRIOR'S STRENGTH AND WEAPONS ARE TO NO AVAIL, AGAINST HIM! QUICK, PATRONIUS! RELEASE THE BEASTS OF DOOM! THEY'LL FINISH THIS MYSTERIOUS STRANGER!

NEXT INSTANT...
ULP! TWO FIERCE CREATURES... A MINOTAUR AND A UNICORN... ARE RUNNING AMOK! THEY'RE ATTACKING THE SPECTATORS! SINCE SUPERMAN IS BUSY RIGHT NOW, I'LL HANDLE THIS MENACE!
BULL-HEADED, AREN'T YOU, MINOTAUR? AND AS FOR YOU, UNICORN, STOP HORSING AROUND!
THE FLYING MAIDEN IS SAVING US!
NOT ONLY IS LINDA LEE BEAUTIFUL, BUT SHE IS MORE POWERFUL THAN ACHILLES!
AFTER SUPERGIRL CAGES THE BEASTS AGAIN...
I MUST MASK MY OWN TREACHERY!
TAKE THIS SPEAR AND SLAY THAT DOG FOR FREEING THE CREATURES WITHOUT PERMISSION!
I CAN'T KILL... THOUGH HE'S A SCOUNDREL, LET HIM GO!
THE DECISION IS NOT YOURS! IF I TURN MY THUMB DOWN, YOU MUST SLAY HIM! IF I RAISE MY THUMB -- HE LIVES! NOW TO DECIDE...
SHE'S STARTING TO GESTURE... "THUMBS DOWN"!! WHAT'LL I DO??
ONE SECOND LATER, TO THE ASTONISHMENT OF HELEN OF TROY...
BY ZEUS! A STRONG WIND IS TURNING MY THUMB... UP... AGAINST MY WILL!
PATRONIUS IS... SPARED!
THANKS TO MY SUPER-BREATH'S PRESSURE ON HELEN'S THUMB!
QUICK THINKING, SUPERGIRL!
SHORTLY, THE TROJAN COMMITTEE SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCES...
FOR YOUR BEAUTY AND VALOR THIS DAY, WE PROCLAIM YOU... THE TOAST OF TROY!
WHAT A THRILLING SURPRISE! I-I'M SO HONORED!
BAH! BECAUSE OF THIS GIRL, EVERYONE IS IGNORING ME!
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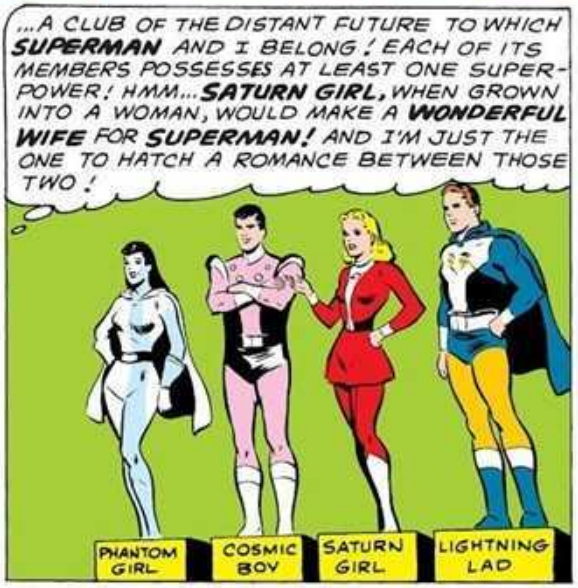
PRESENTLY...
GOODBYE... AND DON'T COME BACK!
LET'S RETURN TO 1962!
MY SCHEME TO HAVE SUPERMAN FALL IN LOVE WITH HELEN OF TROY FAILED! BY A TWIST OF FATE, I TOOK AWAY FROM HER GLORY!

BACK THROUGH THE TIME-BARRIER STREAKS THE SUPER-DUO...
I...GOOFED! BUT AM I DOWNHEARTED? NO! WILL I TRY AGAIN? YES!

AFTER THEY RETURN TO THEIR FORTRESS IN THE PRESENT...
THOSE FIGURINES GIVE ME A GREAT IDEA! THEY REPRESENT MEMBERS OF THE LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES...


...A CLUB OF THE DISTANT FUTURE TO WHICH SUPERMAN AND I BELONG! EACH OF ITS MEMBERS POSSESSES AT LEAST ONE SUPER-POWER! HMM... SATURN GIRL, WHEN GROWN INTO A WOMAN, WOULD MAKE A WONDERFUL WIFE FOR SUPERMAN! AND I'M JUST THE ONE TO HATCH A ROMANCE BETWEEN THOSE TWO!
PHANTOM GIRL
COSMIC BOY
SATURN GIRL
LIGHTNING LAD

SWIFTLY, THE GIRL OF STEEL CLEANS UP THE FORTRESS...
WELL DONE, SUPERGIRL!
THANKS! SOME DAY, WHEN YOU'RE MARRIED, IT'LL BE YOUR WIFE WHO WILL DO YOUR HOUSECLEANING!
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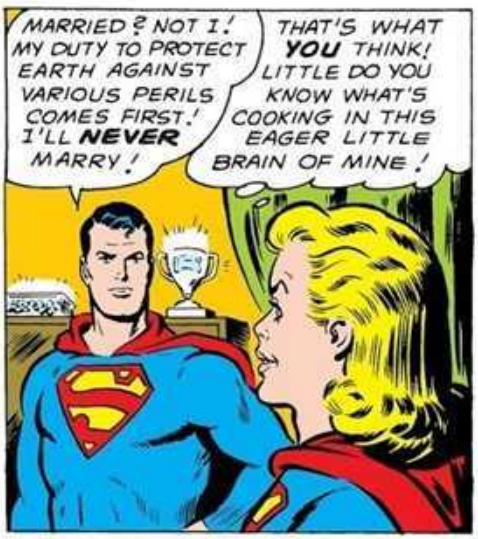
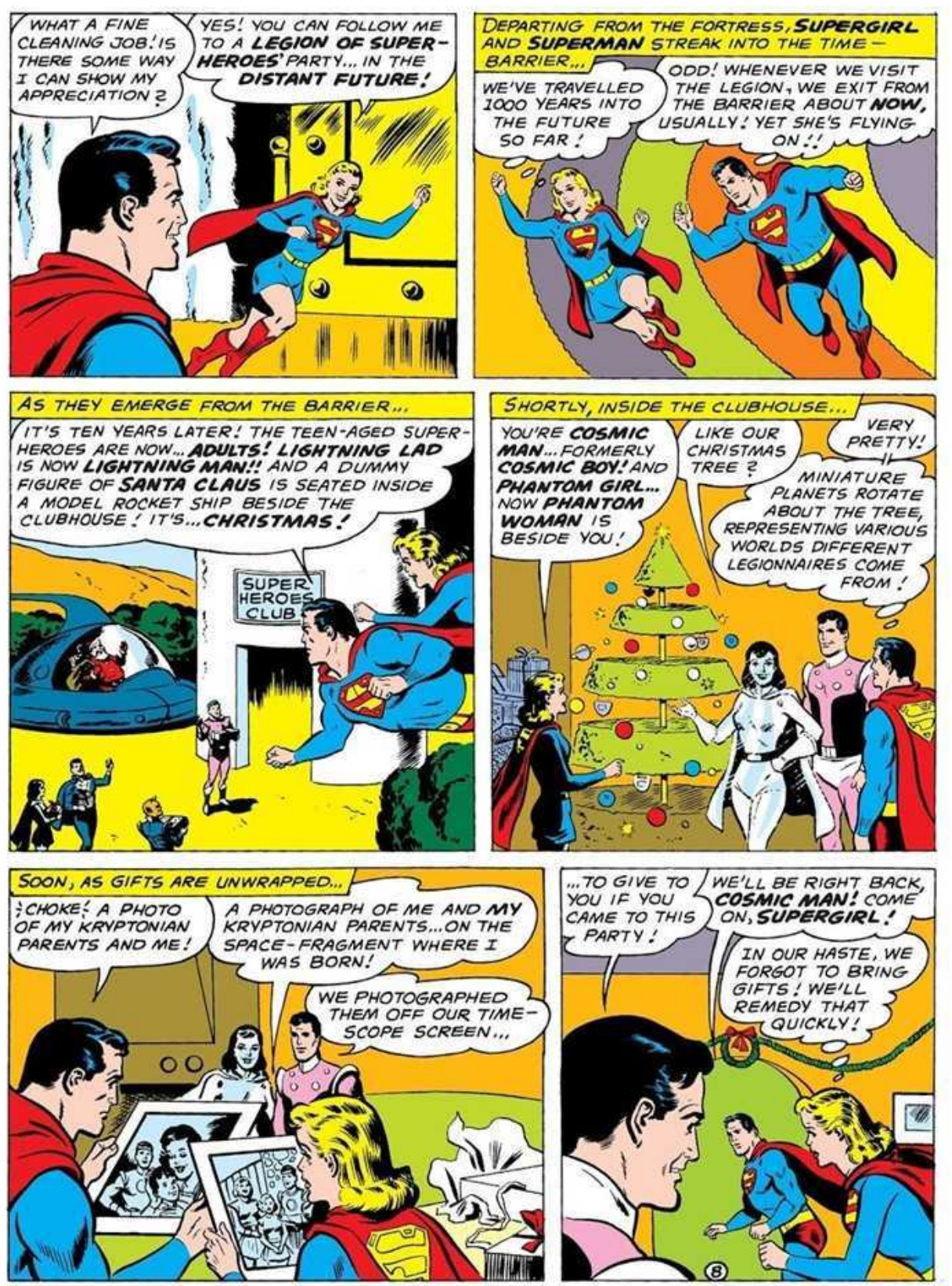

MARRIED? NOT I! MY DUTY TO PROTECT EARTH AGAINST VARIOUS PERILS COMES FIRST! I'LL NEVER MARRY!
THAT'S WHAT YOU THINK! LITTLE DO YOU KNOW WHAT'S COOKING IN THIS EAGER LITTLE BRAIN OF MINE!


WHAT A FINE CLEANING JOB! IS THERE SOME WAY I CAN SHOW MY APPRECIATION?
YES! YOU CAN FOLLOW ME TO A LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES' PARTY... IN THE DISTANT FUTURE!
DEPARTING FROM THE FORTRESS, SUPERGIRL AND SUPERMAN STREAK INTO THE TIME-BARRIER...
WE'VE TRAVELLED 1000 YEARS INTO THE FUTURE SO FAR!
ODD! WHENEVER WE VISIT THE LEGION, WE EXIT FROM THE BARRIER ABOUT NOW, USUALLY! YET SHE'S FLYING ON!!
AS THEY EMERGE FROM THE BARRIER...
IT'S TEN YEARS LATER! THE TEEN-AGED SUPER-HEROES ARE NOW... ADULTS! LIGHTNING LAD IS NOW LIGHTNING MAN!! AND A DUMMY FIGURE OF SANTA CLAUS IS SEATED INSIDE A MODEL ROCKET SHIP BESIDE THE CLUBHOUSE! IT'S... CHRISTMAS!
SUPER HEROES CLUB
SHORTLY, INSIDE THE CLUBHOUSE...
YOU'RE COSMIC MAN... FORMERLY COSMIC BOY! AND PHANTOM GIRL... NOW PHANTOM WOMAN IS BESIDE YOU!
LIKE OUR CHRISTMAS TREE?
VERY PRETTY!
MINIATURE PLANETS ROTATE ABOUT THE TREE, REPRESENTING VARIOUS WORLDS DIFFERENT LEGIONNAIRES COME FROM!
SOON, AS GIFTS ARE UNWRAPPED...
;CHOKE; A PHOTO OF MY KRYPTONIAN PARENTS AND ME!
A PHOTOGRAPH OF ME AND MY KRYPTONIAN PARENTS... ON THE SPACE-FRAGMENT WHERE I WAS BORN!
WE PHOTOGRAPHED THEM OFF OUR TIME-SCOPE SCREEN...
...TO GIVE TO YOU IF YOU CAME TO THIS PARTY!
WE'LL BE RIGHT BACK, COSMIC MAN! COME ON, SUPERGIRL!
IN OUR HASTE, WE FORGOT TO BRING GIFTS! WE'LL REMEDY THAT QUICKLY!
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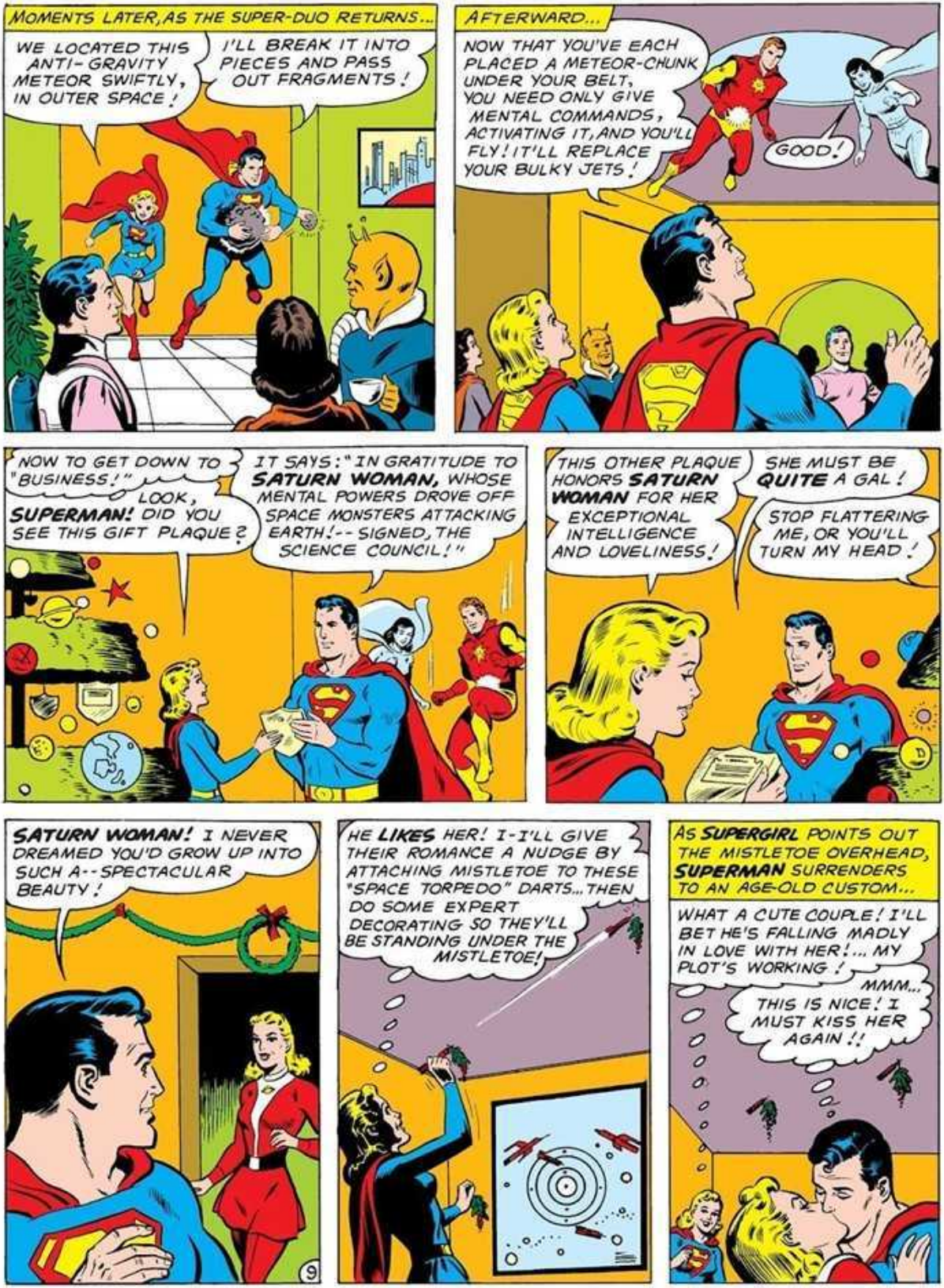
MOMENTS LATER, AS THE SUPER-DUO RETURNS...
WE LOCATED THIS ANTI-GRAVITY METEOR SWIFTLY, IN OUTER SPACE!
I'LL BREAK IT INTO PIECES AND PASS OUT FRAGMENTS!
AFTERWARD...
NOW THAT YOU'VE EACH PLACED A METEOR-CHUNK UNDER YOUR BELT, YOU NEED ONLY GIVE MENTAL COMMANDS, ACTIVATING IT, AND YOU'LL FLY! IT'LL REPLACE YOUR BULKY JETS!
GOOD!
NOW TO GET DOWN TO "BUSINESS!" LOOK, SUPERMAN! DID YOU SEE THIS GIFT PLAQUE?
IT SAYS: "IN GRATITUDE TO SATURN WOMAN, WHOSE MENTAL POWERS DROVE OFF SPACE MONSTERS ATTACKING EARTH!-- SIGNED, THE SCIENCE COUNCIL!"
THIS OTHER PLAQUE HONORS SATURN WOMAN FOR HER EXCEPTIONAL INTELLIGENCE AND LOVELINESS!
SHE MUST BE QUITE A GAL!
STOP FLATTERING ME, OR YOU'LL TURN MY HEAD!
SATURN WOMAN! I NEVER DREAMED YOU'D GROW UP INTO SUCH A--SPECTACULAR BEAUTY!
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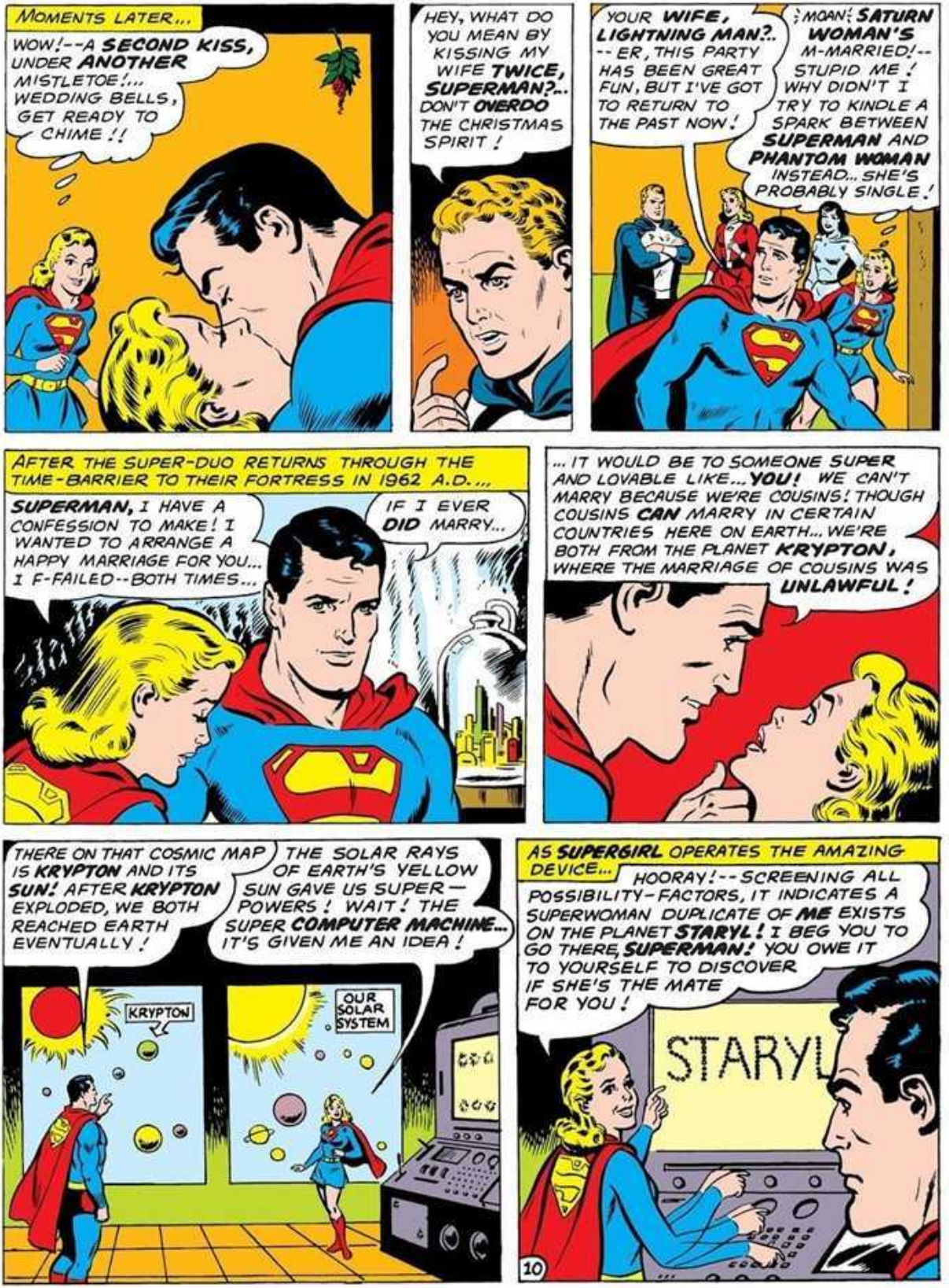
HE LIKES HER! I-I'LL GIVE THEIR ROMANCE A NUDGE BY ATTACHING MISTLETOE TO THESE "SPACE TORPEDO" DARTS... THEN DO SOME EXPERT DECORATING SO THEY'LL BE STANDING UNDER THE MISTLETOE!
AS SUPERGIRL POINTS OUT THE MISTLETOE OVERHEAD, SUPERMAN SURRENDERS TO AN AGE-OLD CUSTOM...
WHAT A CUTE COUPLE! I'LL BET HE'S FALLING MADLY IN LOVE WITH HER!... MY PLOT'S WORKING!
MMM... THIS IS NICE! I MUST KISS HER AGAIN!!


MOMENTS LATER...
WOW!--A SECOND KISS, UNDER ANOTHER MISTLETOE!... WEDDING BELLS, GET READY TO CHIME!!
HEY, WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY KISSING MY WIFE TWICE, SUPERMAN?.. DON'T OVERDO THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT!
YOUR WIFE, LIGHTNING MAN?.. --ER, THIS PARTY HAS BEEN GREAT FUN, BUT I'VE GOT TO RETURN TO THE PAST NOW!
MOAN! SATURN WOMAN'S M-MARRIED!-- STUPID ME! WHY DIDN'T I TRY TO KINDLE A SPARK BETWEEN SUPERMAN AND PHANTOM WOMAN INSTEAD.. SHE'S PROBABLY SINGLE!
AFTER THE SUPER-DUO RETURNS THROUGH THE TIME-BARRIER TO THEIR FORTRESS IN 1962 A.D....
SUPERMAN, I HAVE A CONFESSION TO MAKE! I WANTED TO ARRANGE A HAPPY MARRIAGE FOR YOU... I F-FAILED--BOTH TIMES...
IF I EVER DID MARRY...
...IT WOULD BE TO SOMEONE SUPER AND LOVABLE LIKE...YOU! WE CAN'T MARRY BECAUSE WE'RE COUSINS! THOUGH COUSINS CAN MARRY IN CERTAIN COUNTRIES HERE ON EARTH... WE'RE BOTH FROM THE PLANET KRYPTON, WHERE THE MARRIAGE OF COUSINS WAS UNLAWFUL!
THERE ON THAT COSMIC MAP IS KRYPTON AND ITS SUN! AFTER KRYPTON EXPLODED, WE BOTH REACHED EARTH EVENTUALLY!
THE SOLAR RAYS OF EARTH'S YELLOW SUN GAVE US SUPER—POWERS! WAIT! THE SUPER COMPUTER MACHINE... IT'S GIVEN ME AN IDEA!
KRYPTON
OUR SOLAR SYSTEM
AS SUPERGIRL OPERATES THE AMAZING DEVICE...
HOORAY!--SCREENING ALL POSSIBILITY-FACTORS, IT INDICATES A SUPERWOMAN DUPLICATE OF ME EXISTS ON THE PLANET STARYL! I BEG YOU TO GO THERE, SUPERMAN! YOU OWE IT TO YOURSELF TO DISCOVER IF SHE'S THE MATE FOR YOU!
STARYL

OFF FLASHES SUPERMAN TO A DISTANT SOLAR SYSTEM...
THE SECOND PLANET REVOLVING AROUND THAT BLUE SUN IS... STARYL! CAN I FIND A GIRL THERE AS WONDERFUL AS SUPERGIRL? I'LL SOON KNOW!
PRESENTLY, AS SUPERGIRL WATCHES EAGERLY FROM EARTH WITH HER TELESCOPIC VISION...
HE FOUND HER! AN ADULT SUPERGIRL--A SUPERWOMAN! THEY'RE KISSING! IT'S A CASE OF LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT! I'M SO HAPPY FOR THEM! HMM... DUE TO THEIR SUPER-SCIENTIFIC DEVICES, STARYLIANS PROBABLY KNOW EARTH LANGUAGES!
SHORTLY, ON THE PLANET STARYL...
COME TO EARTH WITH ME, LUMA LYNAI! I KNOW YOU'LL LOVE MY WORLD! IF YOU'RE HAPPY THERE, WE'LL WED!
I WANT TO BE WHEREVER YOU ARE, DARLING!
BUT AS SUPERMAN AND HIS BRIDE-TO-BE STREAK INTO OUR SOLAR SYSTEM, SUPER-GIRL, WATCHING EAGERLY, SIGHTS...
GREAT SCOTT! SHE LOOKS WEAK... AGONIZED! I WONDER WHY? SUPER-MAN'S CATCHING HER!
SWIFTLY, SUPERMAN CARRIES LUMA BACK TO STARYL...
PUT ME DOWN! MY STRENGTH HAS RETURNED!... AND I'M NO LONGER IN PAIN! WHAT DOES IT ALL MEAN?
ONLY ONE EXPLANATION...! YOU'RE A SUPER-WOMAN DUE TO THE SOLAR RAYS OF YOUR BLUE SUN!
I WAS UNSUPER WHEN I WAS A CHILD ON THE PLANET KRYPTON... WHICH HAD A RED SUN! IT WAS EARTH'S YELLOW SUN'S SOLAR RAYS WHICH LATER GAVE ME SUPER-POWERS!
BUT WHAT...?
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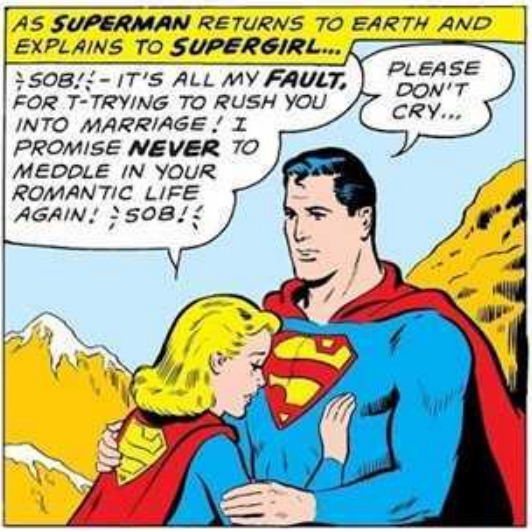
EARTH'S YELLOW SUN RAYS, WHICH MAKE ME SUPER-POWERFUL, AFFECT YOU DESTRUCTIVELY, THE WAY GREEN KRYPTONITE'S RAYS HARM ME!... YOU CAN NEVER... LIVE ON EARTH! I'LL STAY HERE!
NO! EARTH NEEDS YOU! GO!-- FORGET ME!
I'LL ALWAYS LOVE YOU...

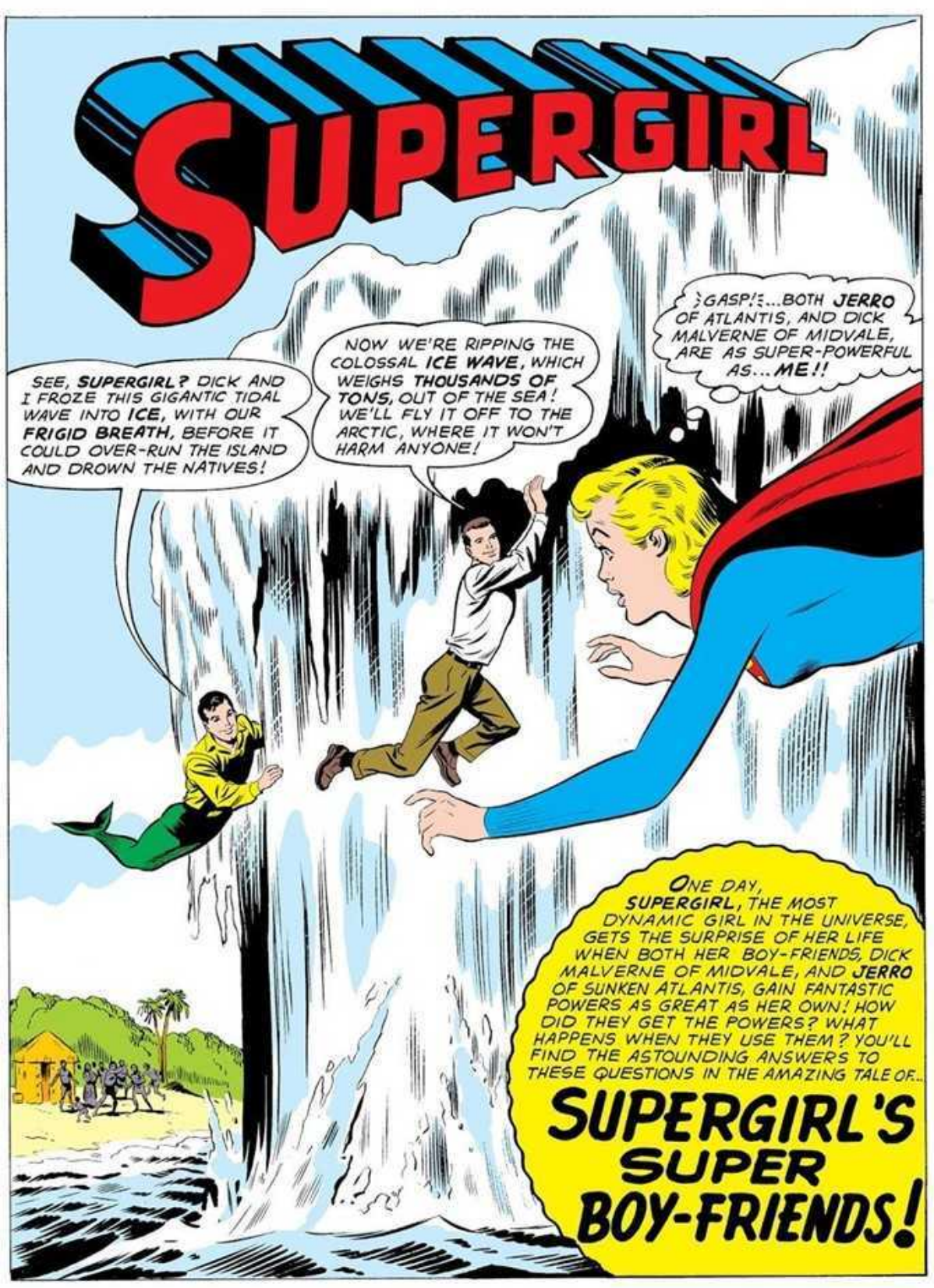

AS SUPERMAN RETURNS TO EARTH AND EXPLAINS TO SUPERGIRL...
;SOB!;- IT'S ALL MY FAULT, FOR T-TRYING TO RUSH YOU INTO MARRIAGE! I PROMISE NEVER TO MEDDLE IN YOUR ROMANTIC LIFE AGAIN! ;SOB!;
PLEASE DON'T CRY...

MAYBE FATE HAD A PURPOSE IN FOILING YOUR THREE ATTEMPTS TO GET ME MARRIED OFF!
GEE! PERHAPS HIS FUTURE BRIDE WILL BE LOIS LANE OR LANA LANG AFTER ALL... COULD THAT BE FATE'S PLAN?

LATER, AFTER SUPERGIRL RETURNS HOME AND CHANGES TO HER OTHER IDENTITY, SHE TELLS HER PARENTS EVERYTHING...
INCREDIBLE!
HAVE YOU LEARNED YOUR LESSON, LINDA?
YES, I'M THROUGH PLAYING CUPID, FOREVER!

SHORTLY, IN LINDA'S BEDROOM, AS SHE STUDIES HER HISTORY HOMEWORK...
QUEEN CLEOPATRA! GOODNESS, THERE WAS A WOMAN WHO HAD--EVERYTHING! BEAUTY... MAGNETIC CHARM... ALLURE! WHY DIDN'T I THINK OF HAVING SUPERMAN MARRY HER? JEEPERS! MAYBE...
CLEOPATRA

BUT THEN... OH-OH! THERE I GO AGAIN! CLEOPATRA WILL HAVE TO BE CONTENT WITH MARK ANTONY AND JULIUS CAESAR! I PROMISED NOT TO INTERFERE IN SUPERMAN'S LOVE-LIFE AGAIN! I'LL KEEP MY WORD!
SLAM
ANCIENT HISTORY
THE END


SUPERGIRL
SEE, SUPERGIRL? DICK AND I FROZE THIS GIGANTIC TIDAL WAVE INTO ICE, WITH OUR FRIGID BREATH, BEFORE IT COULD OVER-RUN THE ISLAND AND DROWN THE NATIVES!
NOW WE'RE RIPPING THE COLOSSAL ICE WAVE, WHICH WEIGHS THOUSANDS OF TONS, OUT OF THE SEA! WE'LL FLY IT OFF TO THE ARCTIC, WHERE IT WON'T HARM ANYONE!
}GASP!:...BOTH JERRO OF ATLANTIS, AND DICK MALVERNE OF MIDVALE, ARE AS SUPER-POWERFUL AS...ME!!
ONE DAY, SUPERGIRL, THE MOST DYNAMIC GIRL IN THE UNIVERSE, GETS THE SURPRISE OF HER LIFE WHEN BOTH HER BOY-FRIENDS, DICK MALVERNE OF MIDVALE, AND JERRO OF SUNKEN ATLANTIS, GAIN FANTASTIC POWERS AS GREAT AS HER OWN! HOW DID THEY GET THE POWERS? WHAT HAPPENS WHEN THEY USE THEM? YOU'LL FIND THE ASTOUNDING ANSWERS TO THESE QUESTIONS IN THE AMAZING TALE OF...
SUPERGIRL'S SUPER BOY-FRIENDS!

EARLY ONE DAY IN MIDVALE, AS LINDA LEE DANVERS, WHO IS SECRETLY SUPERGIRL, SHOPS WITH A FRIEND...
DO YOU LIKE MY NEW SUPERGIRL HAIR-DO, LINDA?
YES, ALICE!
GOODNESS, NOW THAT THE WORLD KNOWS SUPERGIRL EXISTS...
...THOUSANDS OF GIRLS ARE IMITATING THE STYLE OF MY BLONDE HAIR BENEATH THIS DARK, MASQUERADING WIG! SUPERGIRL HAS BECOME A RAGE! AMONG OTHER THINGS, THERE ARE SUPERGIRL GAMES... SUPERGIRL TOYS... AND ALL THE ROYALTIES ARE DONATED TO CHARITIES!
SUPERGIRL GAMES $3.98
SUPERGIRL DOLLS
YES, THE GIRL OF STEEL IS ADORED BY EVERYONE! SUPERGIRL FAN CLUBS HAVE BEEN FORMED EVERYWHERE, AND EVEN... AS WE NOW SEE... WITHIN THE MINIATURE BOTTLE-CITY OF KANDOR INSIDE THE ARCTIC FORTRESS OF SOLITUDE...
OUR... HEROINE!
SUPERGIRL
LATER, IN RESPONSE TO SUPER-VENTRILOQUISTIC INSTRUCTIONS FROM SUPERMAN, LINDA CHANGES TO SUPERGIRL. THEN...
SUPERMAN'S FLOWN OFF WITH HIS ROBOTS ON A SPACE MISSION! I DIDN'T SPOT ANY EMERGENCIES WHILE MAKING MY PATROL, SO I'LL RETURN HOME.
PRESENTLY, AS SHE SWITCHES BACK TO HER EVERYDAY IDENTITY AS LINDA LEE DANVERS...
OH-OH! ONE OF THOSE FIGURINES, WHICH REPRESENT MEMBERS OF THE LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES... A CLUB OF THE FUTURE... IS GLOWING!
LEGION OF SUPER HEROES
THAT'S A PRE-ARRANGED SIGNAL! THE FIGURINE IS OF PHANTOM GIRL!... GASP!: SHE'S MATERIALIZING HERE IN PERSON!
HELLO, SUPERGIRL! THE TIME-PROJECTOR WHICH SENT ME HERE FROM THE FUTURE IS NOT WORKING PROPERLY, SO I CAN ONLY REMAIN IN YOUR TIME A FEW MOMENTS!
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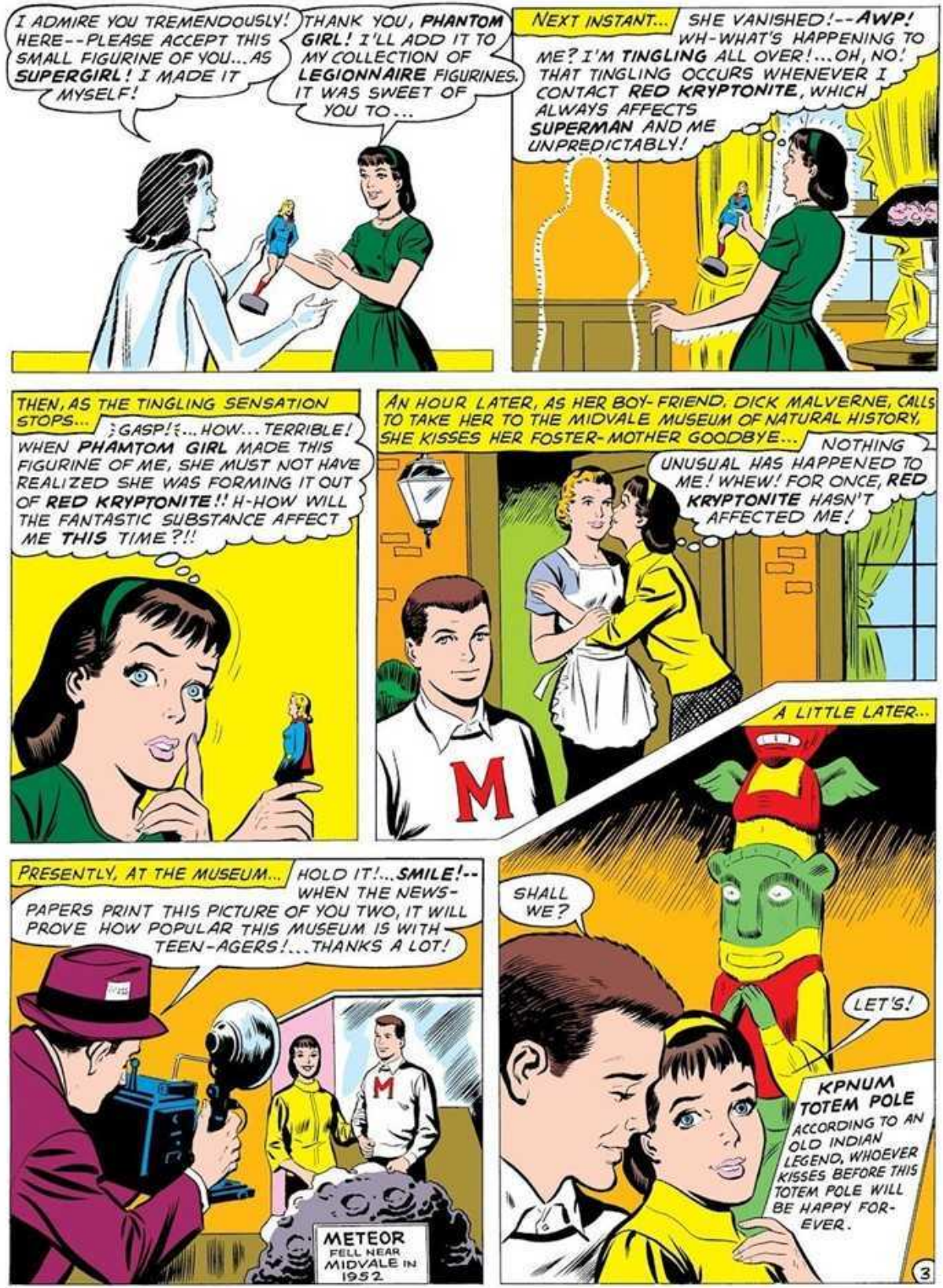
I ADMIRE YOU TREMENDOUSLY! HERE--PLEASE ACCEPT THIS SMALL FIGURINE OF YOU...AS SUPERGIRL! I MADE IT MYSELF!
THANK YOU, PHANTOM GIRL! I'LL ADD IT TO MY COLLECTION OF LEGIONNAIRE FIGURINES. IT WAS SWEET OF YOU TO...
NEXT INSTANT...
SHE VANISHED!--AWP! WH-WHAT'S HAPPENING TO ME? I'M TINGLING ALL OVER!...OH, NO! THAT TINGLING OCCURS WHENEVER I CONTACT RED KRYPTONITE, WHICH ALWAYS AFFECTS SUPERMAN AND ME UNPREDICTABLY!
THEN, AS THE TINGLING SENSATION STOPS...
;GASP!;...HOW...TERRIBLE! WHEN PHANTOM GIRL MADE THIS FIGURINE OF ME, SHE MUST NOT HAVE REALIZED SHE WAS FORMING IT OUT OF RED KRYPTONITE!! H-HOW WILL THE FANTASTIC SUBSTANCE AFFECT ME THIS TIME?!!
AN HOUR LATER, AS HER BOY-FRIEND, DICK MALVERNE, CALLS TO TAKE HER TO THE MIDVALE MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, SHE KISSES HER FOSTER-MOTHER GOODBYE...
NOTHING UNUSUAL HAS HAPPENED TO ME! WHEW! FOR ONCE, RED KRYPTONITE HASN'T AFFECTED ME!
M
A LITTLE LATER...
PRESENTLY, AT THE MUSEUM...
HOLD IT!...SMILE!--WHEN THE NEWSPAPERS PRINT THIS PICTURE OF YOU TWO, IT WILL PROVE HOW POPULAR THIS MUSEUM IS WITH TEEN-AGERS!...THANKS A LOT!
METEOR FELL NEAR MIDVALE IN 1952
SHALL WE?
LET'S!
KPNUM TOTEM POLE
ACCORDING TO AN OLD INDIAN LEGEND, WHOEVER KISSES BEFORE THIS TOTEM POLE WILL BE HAPPY FOREVER.
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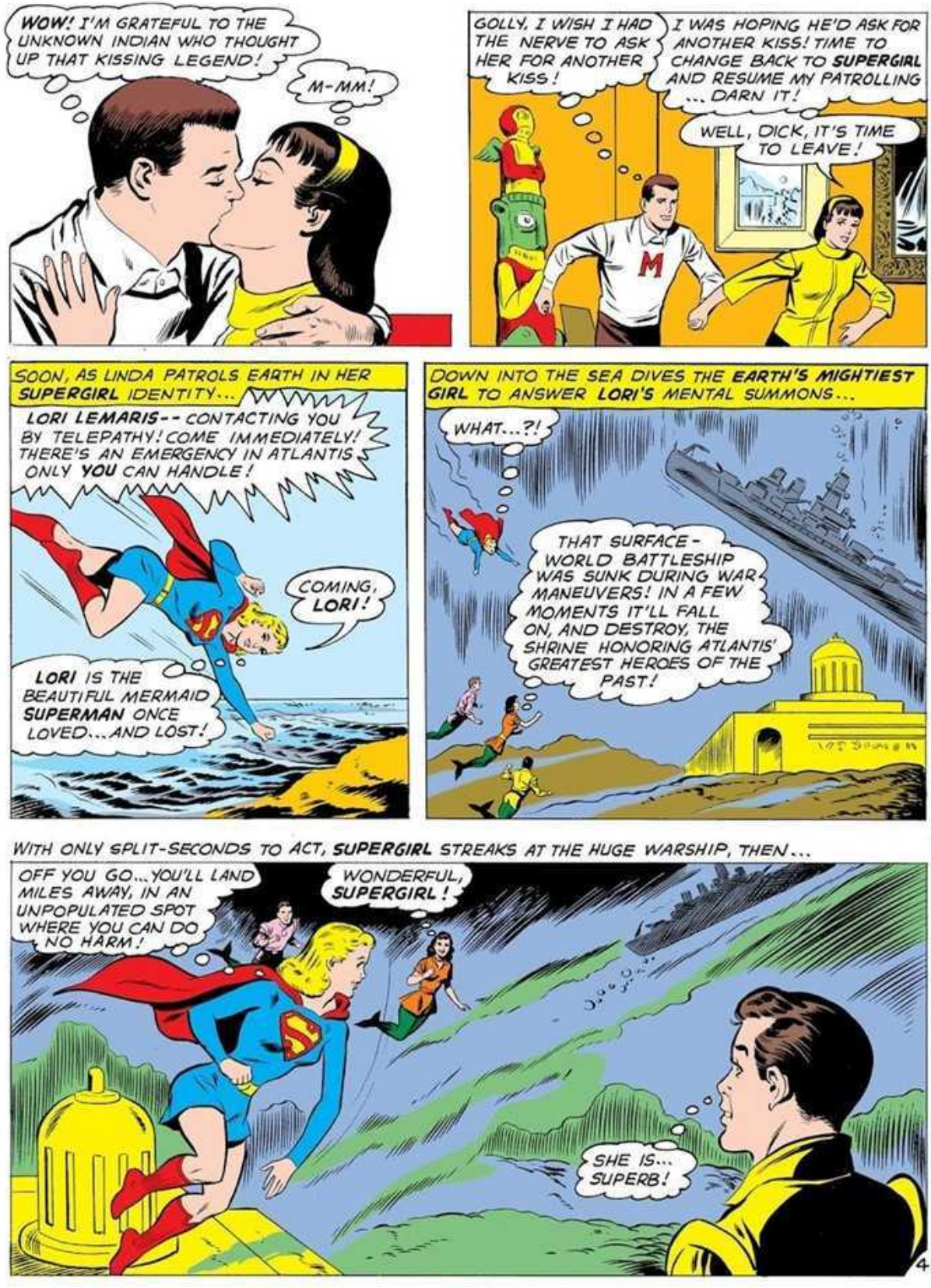
WOW! I'M GRATEFUL TO THE UNKNOWN INDIAN WHO THOUGHT UP THAT KISSING LEGEND!
M-MM!
GOLLY, I WISH I HAD THE NERVE TO ASK HER FOR ANOTHER KISS!
I WAS HOPING HE'D ASK FOR ANOTHER KISS! TIME TO CHANGE BACK TO SUPERGIRL AND RESUME MY PATROLLING ... DARN IT!
WELL, DICK, IT'S TIME TO LEAVE!
SOON, AS LINDA PATROLS EARTH IN HER SUPERGIRL IDENTITY...
LORI LEMARIS-- CONTACTING YOU BY TELEPATHY! COME IMMEDIATELY! THERE'S AN EMERGENCY IN ATLANTIS ONLY YOU CAN HANDLE!
COMING, LORI!
LORI IS THE BEAUTIFUL MERMAID SUPERMAN ONCE LOVED...AND LOST!
DOWN INTO THE SEA DIVES THE EARTH'S MIGHTIEST GIRL TO ANSWER LORI'S MENTAL SUMMONS...
WHAT...?!
THAT SURFACE-WORLD BATTLESHIP WAS SUNK DURING WAR MANEUVERS! IN A FEW MOMENTS IT'LL FALL ON, AND DESTROY, THE SHRINE HONORING ATLANTIS' GREATEST HEROES OF THE PAST!
WITH ONLY SPLIT-SECONDS TO ACT, SUPERGIRL STREAKS AT THE HUGE WARSHIP, THEN...
OFF YOU GO...YOU'LL LAND MILES AWAY, IN AN UNPOPULATED SPOT WHERE YOU CAN DO NO HARM!
WONDERFUL, SUPERGIRL!
SHE IS... SUPERB!

AFTER THE ATLANTIDES THANK SUPERGIRL, MERMAN YOUTH JERRO, WHO HAS LONG ADMIRED THE GIRL OF STEEL, APPROACHES...
WAIT! BEFORE YOU GO...! TODAY IS MY BIRTHDAY! HOW ABOUT A BIRTHDAY KISS FOR AN OLD FRIEND?
SWIFTLY, THE GIRL OF STEEL OBLIGES...
SORRY IT HAD TO BE SUCH A HASTY KISS, BUT I MUST RETURN TO THE SURFACE-WORLD!
BETTER A HASTY KISS, THAN NONE!
LATER, AS SUPERGIRL RETURNS TO HER MID-VALE HOME AND CHANGES BACK TO LINDA...
SHALL I CLEAN THE HOUSE, MOTHER?
NO, DEAR! I KNOW YOU COULD DO IT QUICKLY WITH YOUR SUPER-POWERS, BUT I ENJOY DOING IT MYSELF!
SECONDS AFTERWARD...
GREAT SCOTT! Y-YOU'RE SWEEPING AT... SUPER-SPEED! WHAT...?!
C-CAN IT BE THAT I HAVE SUPER-POWERS LIKE YOU?!!
I DO!...LOOK! I'M SUPER-STRONG! AND MY X-RAY VISION SEES INSIDE THE PIANO!
OH, MY GOODNESS! H-HOW CAN THIS BE POSSIBLE?
AT THAT INSTANT MILES AWAY, AS DICK MALVERNE LOSES CONTROL OF HIS CAR...
THE BRAKES GAVE WAY! ¡CHOKE!¡ THIS IS IT! I'M GOING TO... DIE!
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BUT MOMENTS LATER...
HOLY CATS!... THE CAR BURST APART! B-BUT I'M UNHARMED!!
SHORTLY...
OH, NO! SOMEONE'S FLYING THROUGH THE AIR IN THIS DIRECTION! IT ISN'T A BIRD! IT ISN'T A PLANE! IT'S DICK MALVERNE! HMM... FIRST MOM BECAME SUPER, AND NOW DICK, TOO! WHAT'S THE EXPLANATION?!!
HI, LINDA! WATCH THIS! I CAN FLY AS FAST AS SUPERMAN!
LOOK OUT... LOOK OUT!! YOUR CLOTHING IS STARTING TO SMOULDER! SLOW DOWN, BEFORE IT BURNS OFF!
WAIT!... AFTER KISSING YOU, I KISSED DICK FOR GOOD LUCK, AT THE MUSEUM!... ;GASP!; I SEE THE ANSWER NOW! THE RED KRYPTONITE FIGURINE I WAS EXPOSED TO HAD A DELAYED EFFECT ON ME! IT'S GIVEN ME THE ABILITY TO MAKE OTHERS SUPER, WITH A KRYPTONITE KISS!!!
ULP! SHE'S RIGHT! I'LL REDUCE THE SPEED OF MY FLIGHT!
;PS-ST!;... WHEN DICK ENTERS, DON'T TELL HIM YOU'RE SUPER TOO!
I SEE... IN ORDER TO PROTECT YOUR SECRET IDENTITY AS SUPER GIRL! ALL RIGHT!
PRESENTLY, AS DICK JOINS LINDA...
FOLLOW ME! I'VE A SURPRISE FOR YOU!
WHAT'S HE UP TO?
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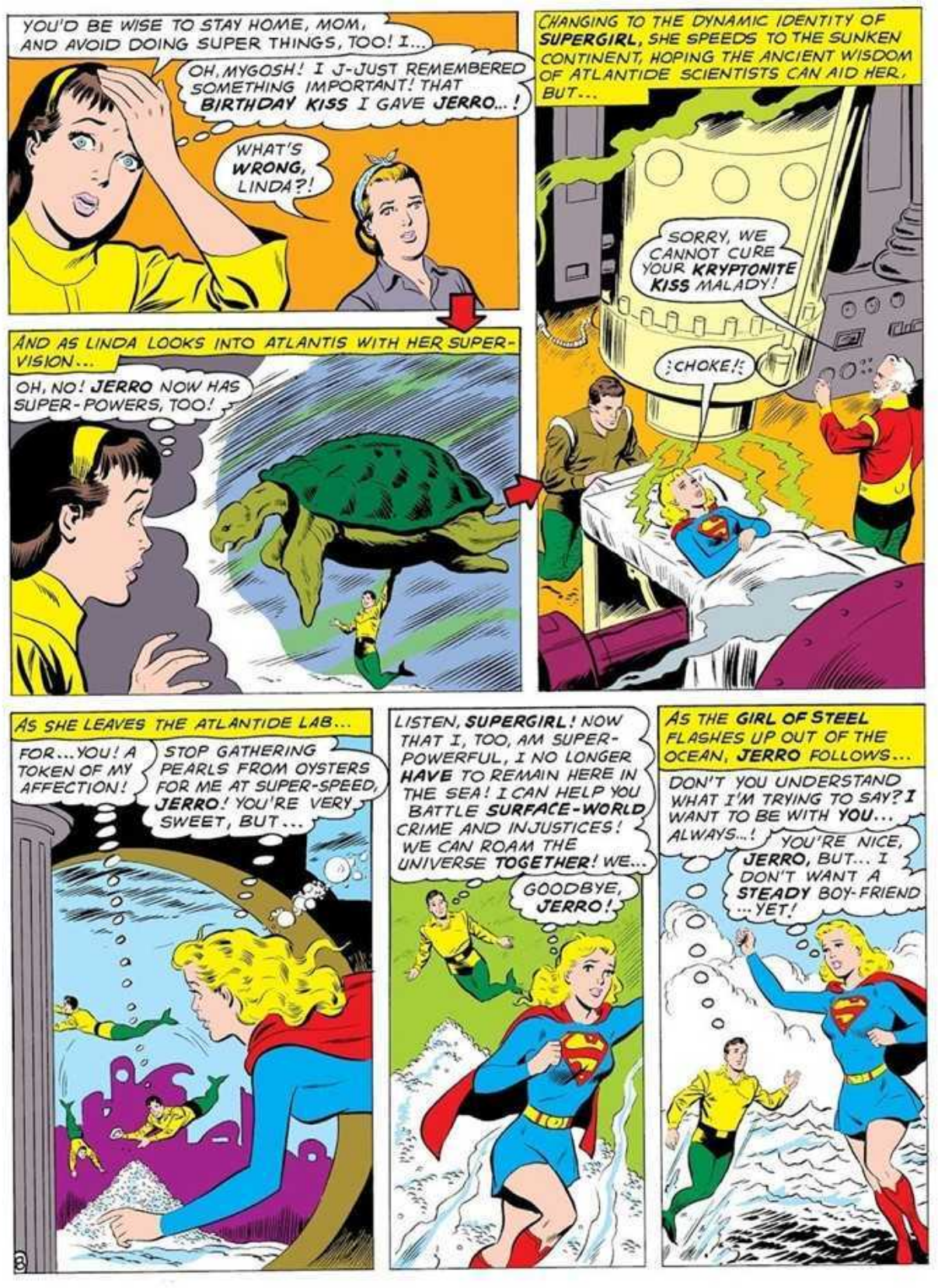
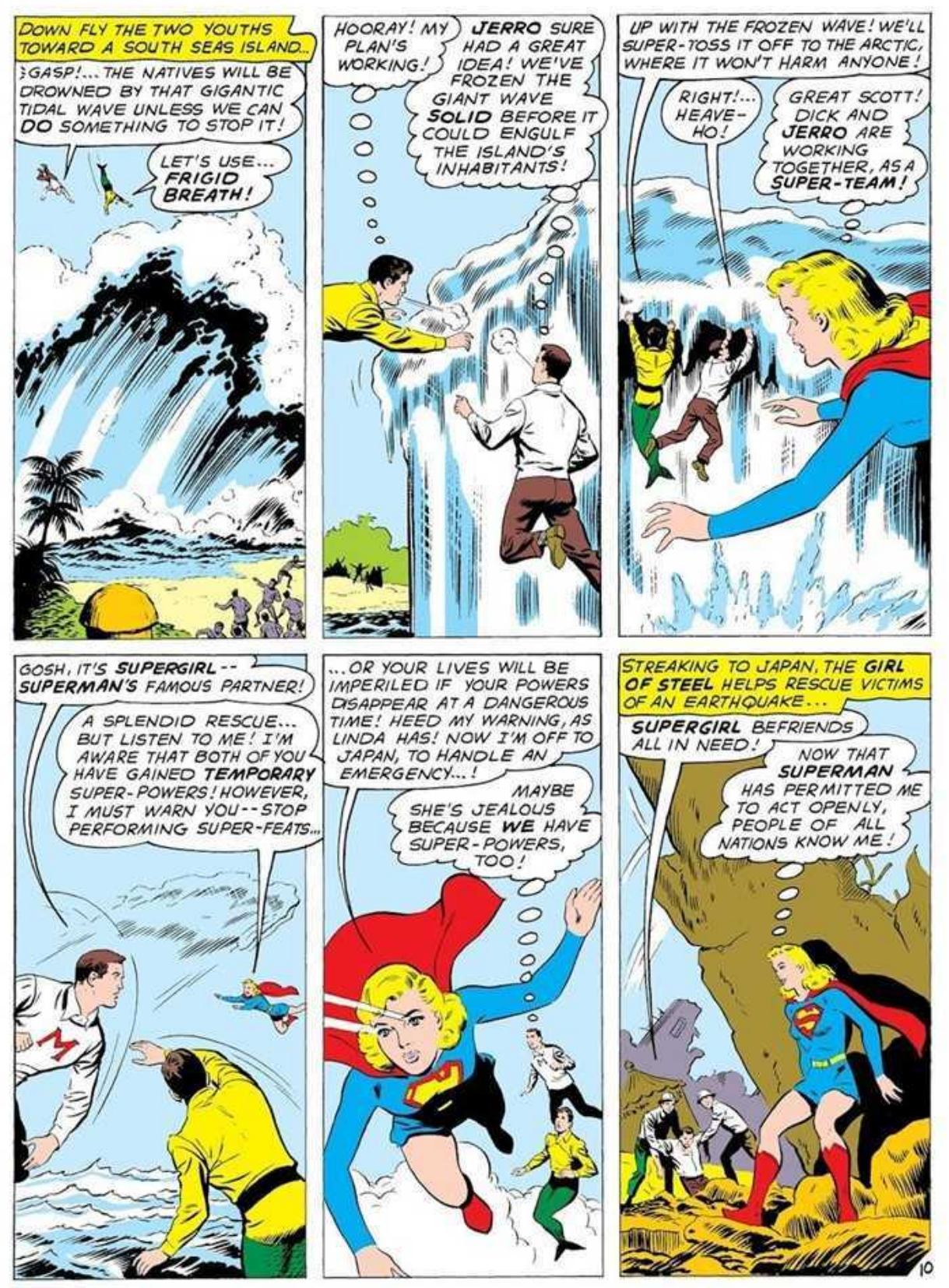
PUT OUT YOUR HAND! SEE? THIS RED HOT POT DOESN'T HURT YOU, AT ALL, DOES IT? I WAS SURE IT WOULDN'T! YOU'RE SUPER, LIKE ME! I KNOW WHY?
WHY?
HE'S PROVEN ME SUPER! I'LL PRETEND I'VE GAINED SUPER-POWERS UNEXPECTEDLY-- SO HE WON'T GUESS I'M SUPERGIRL!
MY THEORY IS...WHEN WE TOUCHED THAT METEOR AT THE MUSEUM--AND THE PHOTOGRAPHER'S FLASH-BULB WENT OFF...THE BULB'S LIGHT RAYS, PLUS RADIATION FROM THE METEOR, UNITED AND ALTERED THE CHEMISTRY OF OUR BODIES, MAKING US SUPER!
NOW THAT I'M AS MIGHTY AS SUPERMAN, AND YOU'RE AS POWERFUL AS SUPERGIRL, LET'S HAVE SOME SUPER-FUN!
OKAY! BUT I'M A LITTLE...AFRAID!
MUST ACT LIKE I'VE NEVER BEEN LIKE THIS BEFORE, SO DICK WON'T GET SUSPICIOUS!
UP, UP HURTLES THE SUPER-DUO...
OVER THE RAINBOW! SHALL WE LOOK FOR THE POT OF GOLD AT ITS END?
SILLY! THAT'S JUST SUPERSTITION, AND YOU KNOW IT!...DICK! F-FLYING THIS HIGH IS FRIGHTENING!
I HOPE I'M PUTTING ON A CONVINCING ACT!
ON THEY ROMP...
SHORT-CUT!
LET'S RETURN TO MY HOUSE, NOW! FUN IS FUN, BUT WE'D BETTER DO SOME SERIOUS THINKING ABOUT WHAT'S HAPPENED TO US!
SOON...
IT MIGHT BE WISE FOR US TO STAY PUT A WHILE, AND TAKE IT EASY! WHAT IF OUR SUPER-POWERS WORE OFF AT A BAD TIME?
MAYBE YOU'VE GOT SOMETHING, THERE! SEE YOU LATER, LINDA!


YOU'D BE WISE TO STAY HOME, MOM, AND AVOID DOING SUPER THINGS, TOO! I...
OH, MYGOSH! I J-JUST REMEMBERED SOMETHING IMPORTANT! THAT BIRTHDAY KISS I GAVE JERRO...!
WHAT'S WRONG, LINDA?!
CHANGING TO THE DYNAMIC IDENTITY OF SUPERGIRL, SHE SPEEDS TO THE SUNKEN CONTINENT, HOPING THE ANCIENT WISDOM OF ATLANTIDE SCIENTISTS CAN AID HER. BUT...
SORRY, WE CANNOT CURE YOUR KRYPTONITE KISS MALADY!
¡CHOKE!
AND AS LINDA LOOKS INTO ATLANTIS WITH HER SUPER-VISION...
OH, NO! JERRO NOW HAS SUPER-POWERS, TOO!
AS SHE LEAVES THE ATLANTIDE LAB...
FOR...YOU! A TOKEN OF MY AFFECTION!
STOP GATHERING PEARLS FROM OYSTERS FOR ME AT SUPER-SPEED, JERRO! YOU'RE VERY SWEET, BUT...
LISTEN, SUPERGIRL! NOW THAT I, TOO, AM SUPER-POWERFUL, I NO LONGER HAVE TO REMAIN HERE IN THE SEA! I CAN HELP YOU BATTLE SURFACE-WORLD CRIME AND INJUSTICES! WE CAN ROAM THE UNIVERSE TOGETHER! WE...
GOODBYE, JERRO!
AS THE GIRL OF STEEL FLASHES UP OUT OF THE OCEAN, JERRO FOLLOWS...
DON'T YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT I'M TRYING TO SAY? I WANT TO BE WITH YOU... ALWAYS...!
YOU'RE NICE, JERRO, BUT... I DON'T WANT A STEADY BOY-FRIEND ...YET!

I SEE... YOU DON'T WANT ME, EVEN IF I HAVE SUPER-POWERS, BECAUSE I'M A--
THAT'S NOT TRUE! READ MY MIND, AND YOU'LL KNOW I LIKE YOU VERY MUCH! BUT I'M TOO YOUNG FOR... MARRIAGE...
PLEASE UNDERSTAND! GOODBYE!
HOW STRANGE FATE IS! SUPERMAN LOVED A MERMAID ...LORI... AND COULDN'T WIN HER! NOW I, A MERMAN, CAN'T WIN SUPERGIRL!... WE LIVE IN TWO DIFFERENT WORLDS! WHY MUST IT BE SO...? ;CHOKE!!
SOON AFTERWARD, AS DICK DECIDES TO ENJOY HIS AMAZING POWERS ONCE MORE...
MAYBE LINDA IS TIMID ABOUT USING HER NEW POWERS BECAUSE SHE'S A GIRL... BUT I'M NOT SCARED! ... WHAT'S THAT IN THE SKY?!
A SUPER-MERMAN BOY! WOW!
I'M DICK MALVERNE -- I HAVE SUPER-POWERS, LIKE YOU! WANT TO BE PALS?
SURE! I'M JERRO OF ATLANTIS! GLAD TO MEET YOU, DICK!
IT'S LINDA'S MIDVALE BOY-FRIEND! HER KRYPTONITE KISS MADE HIM SUPER, TOO!
I KNOW ALL ABOUT HIM BECAUSE OF MY MIND-READING ABILITY! HE THINKS I'VE ALWAYS HAD THESE SUPER-POWERS! I WON'T TELL HIM DIFFERENTLY, IN ORDER TO PROTECT SUPERGIRL'S SECRET IDENTITY!
I'M WITH YOU!!
LET'S GO, CHUM!
UP THEY STREAK, IN AND OUT OF FLEECY CLOUDS...
FOLLOW THE LEADER! NICE FLYING, DICK!
YOU'RE NO SLOUCH YOURSELF, JERRO!... SAY, WE SURE HAVE FLOWN FAR! ... OH-OH! MY TELESCOPIC VISION SEES -- TROUBLE BELOW!!


DOWN FLY THE TWO YOUTHS TOWARD A SOUTH SEAS ISLAND...
GASP!... THE NATIVES WILL BE DROWNED BY THAT GIGANTIC TIDAL WAVE UNLESS WE CAN DO SOMETHING TO STOP IT!
LET'S USE... FRIGID BREATH!
HOORAY! MY PLAN'S WORKING!
JERRO SURE HAD A GREAT IDEA! WE'VE FROZEN THE GIANT WAVE SOLID BEFORE IT COULD ENGULF THE ISLAND'S INHABITANTS!
UP WITH THE FROZEN WAVE! WE'LL SUPER-TOSS IT OFF TO THE ARCTIC, WHERE IT WON'T HARM ANYONE!
RIGHT!... HEAVE-HO!
GREAT SCOTT! DICK AND JERRO ARE WORKING TOGETHER, AS A SUPER-TEAM!
GOSH, IT'S SUPERGIRL -- SUPERMAN'S FAMOUS PARTNER!
A SPLENDID RESCUE... BUT LISTEN TO ME! I'M AWARE THAT BOTH OF YOU HAVE GAINED TEMPORARY SUPER-POWERS! HOWEVER, I MUST WARN YOU -- STOP PERFORMING SUPER-FEATS...
...OR YOUR LIVES WILL BE IMPERILED IF YOUR POWERS DISAPPEAR AT A DANGEROUS TIME! HEED MY WARNING, AS LINDA HAS! NOW I'M OFF TO JAPAN, TO HANDLE AN EMERGENCY...!
MAYBE SHE'S JEALOUS BECAUSE WE HAVE SUPER-POWERS, TOO!
STREAKING TO JAPAN, THE GIRL OF STEEL HELPS RESCUE VICTIMS OF AN EARTHQUAKE...
SUPERGIRL BEFRIENDS ALL IN NEED!
NOW THAT SUPERMAN HAS PERMITTED ME TO ACT OPENLY, PEOPLE OF ALL NATIONS KNOW ME!
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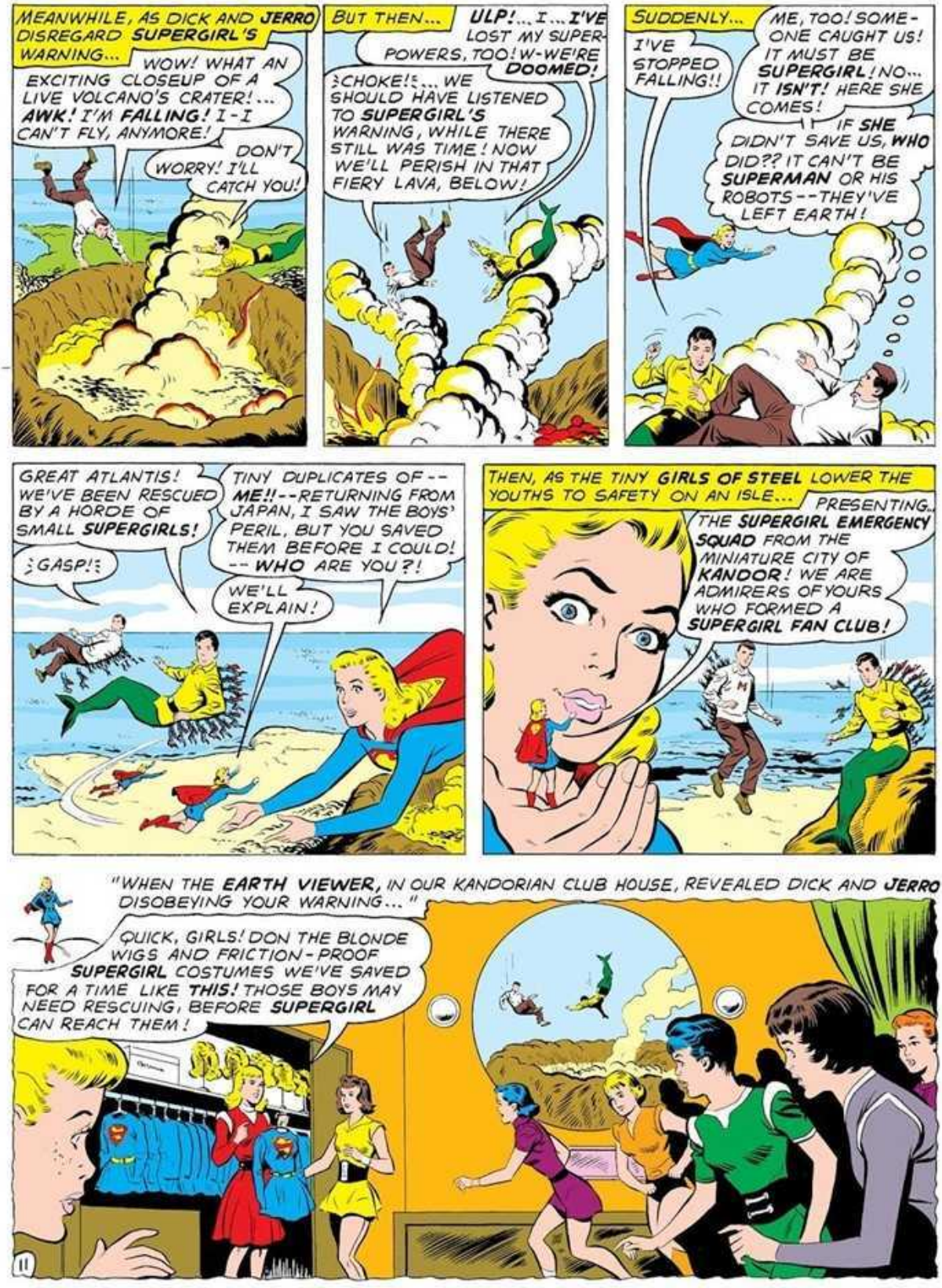
MEANWHILE, AS DICK AND JERRO DISREGARD SUPERGIRL'S WARNING...
WOW! WHAT AN EXCITING CLOSEUP OF A LIVE VOLCANO'S CRATER!... AWK! I'M FALLING! I-I CAN'T FLY, ANYMORE!
DON'T WORRY! I'LL CATCH YOU!
BUT THEN...
ULP!... I... I'VE LOST MY SUPER-POWERS, TOO! W-WE'RE DOOMED!
:CHOKE!: ... WE SHOULD HAVE LISTENED TO SUPERGIRL'S WARNING, WHILE THERE STILL WAS TIME! NOW WE'LL PERISH IN THAT FIERY LAVA, BELOW!
SUDDENLY...
I'VE STOPPED FALLING!!
ME, TOO! SOMEONE CAUGHT US! IT MUST BE SUPERGIRL! NO... IT ISN'T! HERE SHE COMES!
IF SHE DIDN'T SAVE US, WHO DID?? IT CAN'T BE SUPERMAN OR HIS ROBOTS--THEY'VE LEFT EARTH!
GREAT ATLANTIS! WE'VE BEEN RESCUED BY A HORDE OF SMALL SUPERGIRLS!
:GASP!:
TINY DUPLICATES OF--ME!!--RETURNING FROM JAPAN, I SAW THE BOYS' PERIL, BUT YOU SAVED THEM BEFORE I COULD! --WHO ARE YOU?!
WE'LL EXPLAIN!
THEN, AS THE TINY GIRLS OF STEEL LOWER THE YOUTHS TO SAFETY ON AN ISLE...
PRESENTING.. THE SUPERGIRL EMERGENCY SQUAD FROM THE MINIATURE CITY OF KANDOR! WE ARE ADMIRERS OF YOURS WHO FORMED A SUPERGIRL FAN CLUB!
"WHEN THE EARTH VIEWER, IN OUR KANDORIAN CLUB HOUSE, REVEALED DICK AND JERRO DISOBEYING YOUR WARNING..."
QUICK, GIRLS! DON THE BLONDE WIGS AND FRICTION-PROOF SUPERGIRL COSTUMES WE'VE SAVED FOR A TIME LIKE THIS! THOSE BOYS MAY NEED RESCUING, BEFORE SUPERGIRL CAN REACH THEM!
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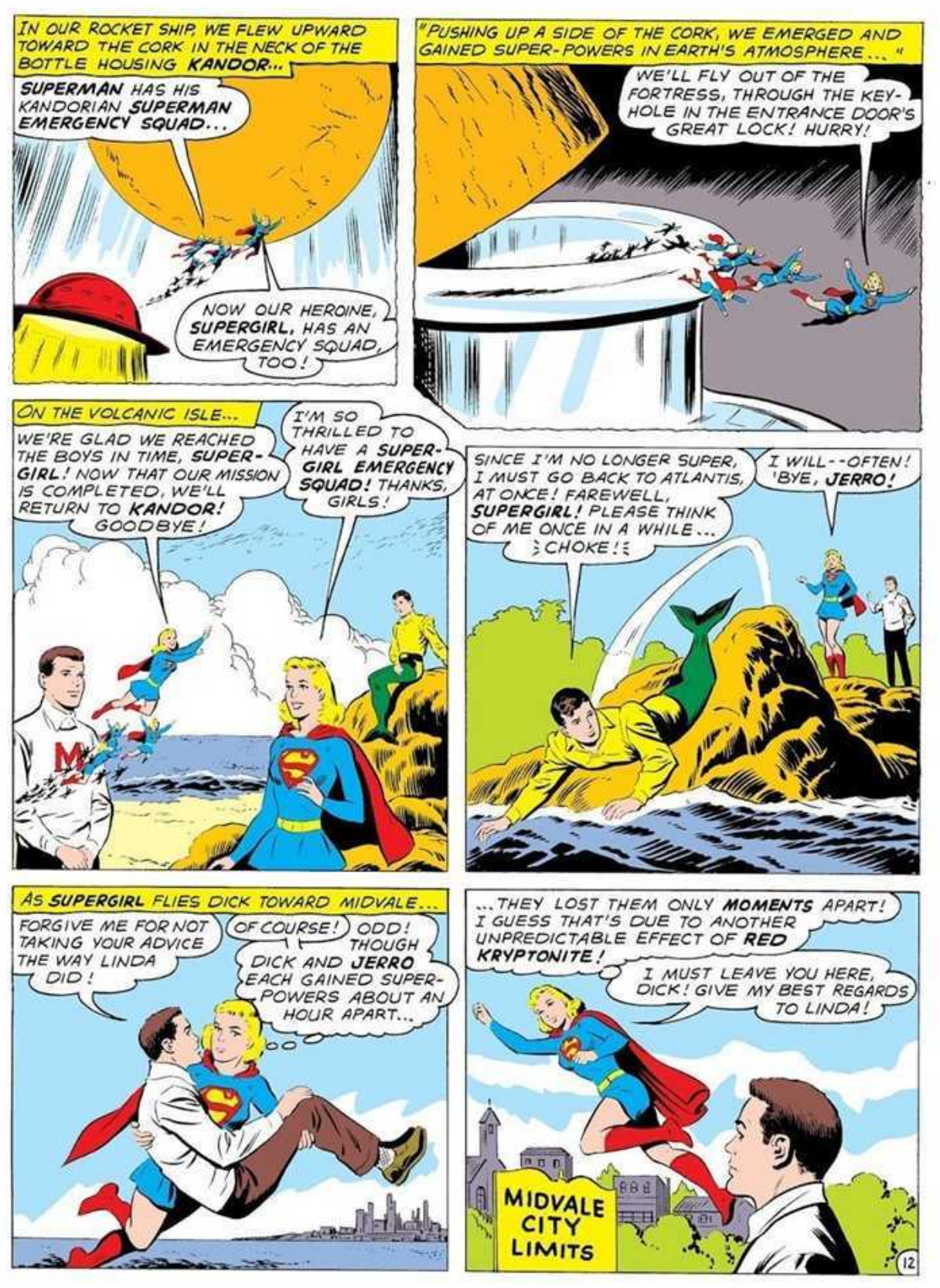
IN OUR ROCKET SHIP, WE FLEW UPWARD TOWARD THE CORK IN THE NECK OF THE BOTTLE HOUSING KANDOR...
SUPERMAN HAS HIS KANDORIAN SUPERMAN EMERGENCY SQUAD...
NOW OUR HEROINE, SUPERGIRL, HAS AN EMERGENCY SQUAD, TOO!
"PUSHING UP A SIDE OF THE CORK, WE EMERGED AND GAINED SUPER-POWERS IN EARTH'S ATMOSPHERE..."
WE'LL FLY OUT OF THE FORTRESS, THROUGH THE KEY-HOLE IN THE ENTRANCE DOOR'S GREAT LOCK! HURRY!
ON THE VOLCANIC ISLE...
WE'RE GLAD WE REACHED THE BOYS IN TIME, SUPER-GIRL! NOW THAT OUR MISSION IS COMPLETED, WE'LL RETURN TO KANDOR! GOODBYE!
I'M SO THRILLED TO HAVE A SUPER-GIRL EMERGENCY SQUAD! THANKS, GIRLS!
SINCE I'M NO LONGER SUPER, I MUST GO BACK TO ATLANTIS, AT ONCE! FAREWELL, SUPERGIRL! PLEASE THINK OF ME ONCE IN A WHILE... }CHOKE!{
I WILL--OFTEN! 'BYE, JERRO!
AS SUPERGIRL FLIES DICK TOWARD MIDVALE...
FORGIVE ME FOR NOT TAKING YOUR ADVICE THE WAY LINDA DID!
OF COURSE! ODD! THOUGH DICK AND JERRO EACH GAINED SUPER-POWERS ABOUT AN HOUR APART...
...THEY LOST THEM ONLY MOMENTS APART! I GUESS THAT'S DUE TO ANOTHER UNPREDICTABLE EFFECT OF RED KRYPTONITE!
I MUST LEAVE YOU HERE, DICK! GIVE MY BEST REGARDS TO LINDA!
MIDVALE CITY LIMITS
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SOME TIME LATER, AFTER THE GIRL OF STEEL RETURNS HOME AND CHANGES TO HER LINDA IDENTITY, DICK CALLS ON HER...
SO YOU'RE UNSUPER AGAIN, TOO, EH? AT LEAST WE HAD SOME FUN BEING SUPER AWHILE!

WHEN DICK LEAVES...
WOULD HE BE AMAZED TO KNOW I'M STILL SUPER...IN MY SECRET SUPERGIRL IDENTITY!
I'M GLAD MY SUPER-POWERS HAVE GONE AWAY! I PREFER RELYING ON MY HUSBAND AND YOU FOR PROTECTION!
R-I-N-G!

AS LINDA ANSWERS THE DOOR, A YOUNG NEIGHBOR SHOWS HER HIS NEW PET...
AW-WW, ISN'T HE SWEET?
OH, DEAR! I... I FORGOT MYSELF! I... KISSED THE PUPPY! WILL MY KRYPTONITE KISS GIVE HIM SUPER-POWERS, TOO?

FOR HOURS AFTERWARD, LINDA WATCHES THE PUPPY ANXIOUSLY WITH HER SUPER-VISION...
IS IT DOING ANYTHING SUPER?
NO! BUT MY KISS MAY HAVE A DELAYED AFFECT ON HIM, THE WAY IT STRUCK YOU, MOTHER, AND DICK AND JERRO!

BUT, THE NEXT DAY...
LOOK! THE PUPPY'S PATTING THAT BALL PLAYFULLY... AND BARELY BUDGING IT!
WHEW! WHAT A RELIEF! HE WASN'T MADE SUPER! --THE RED KRYPTONITE'S EFFECT ON ME HAS WORN OFF! I'M RID OF THE KRYPTONITE KISS FOREVER!
DAISY
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PRESENTLY...
RED KRYPTONITE CAN AFFECT SOMEONE ONLY ONCE! NOW THAT I'VE COATED PHANTOM GIRL'S GIFT TO ME WITH A PROTECTIVE COVERING OF LEAD, THE KRYPTONITE RADIATIONS, WHICH CAN'T PIERCE LEAD, WON'T BE ABLE TO HARM SUPERMAN OR KRYPTO! ...I'LL KEEP THIS AS A MEMENTO OF ONE OF MY MOST AMAZING ADVENTURES!
LEAD PAINT
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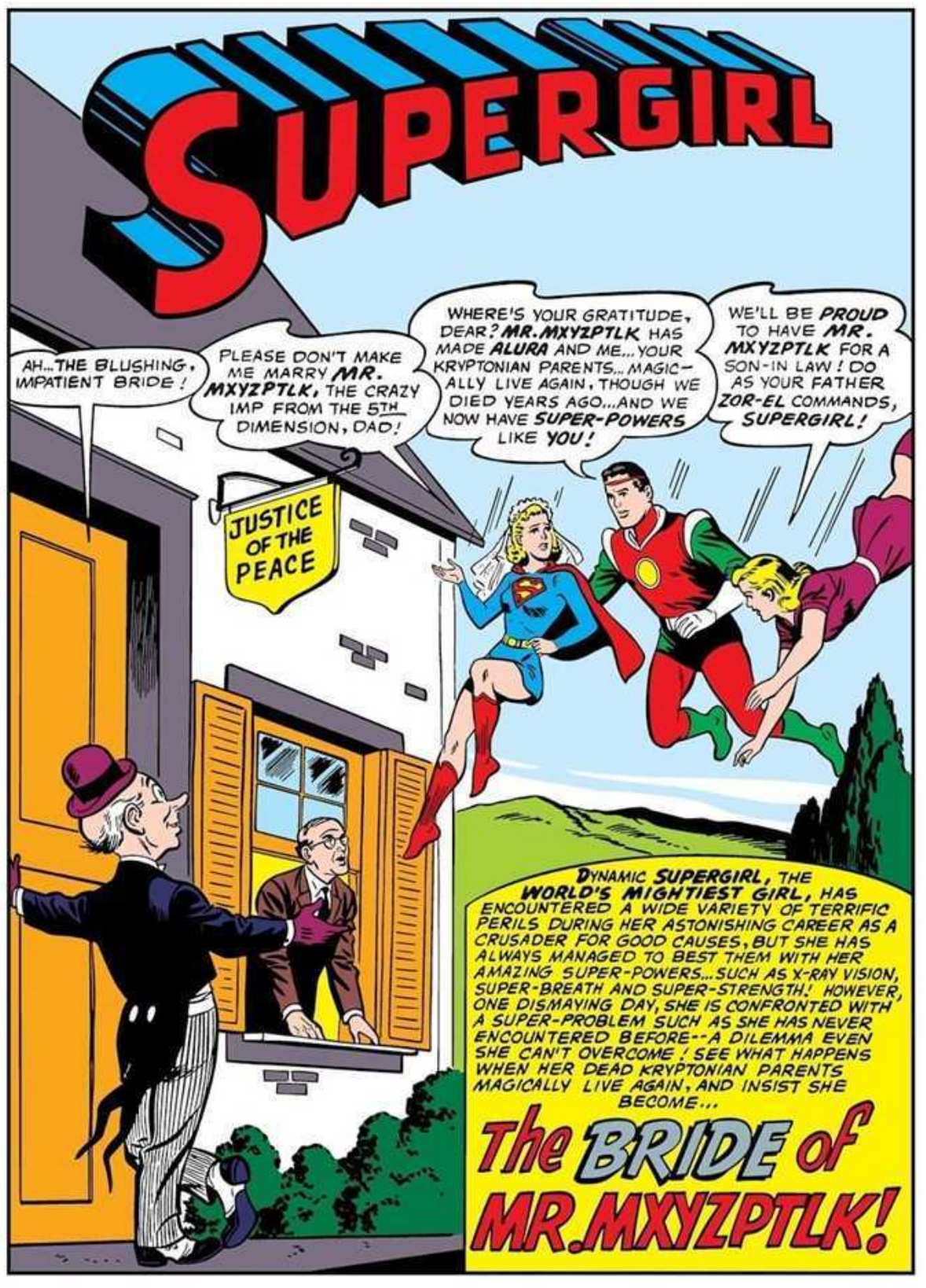
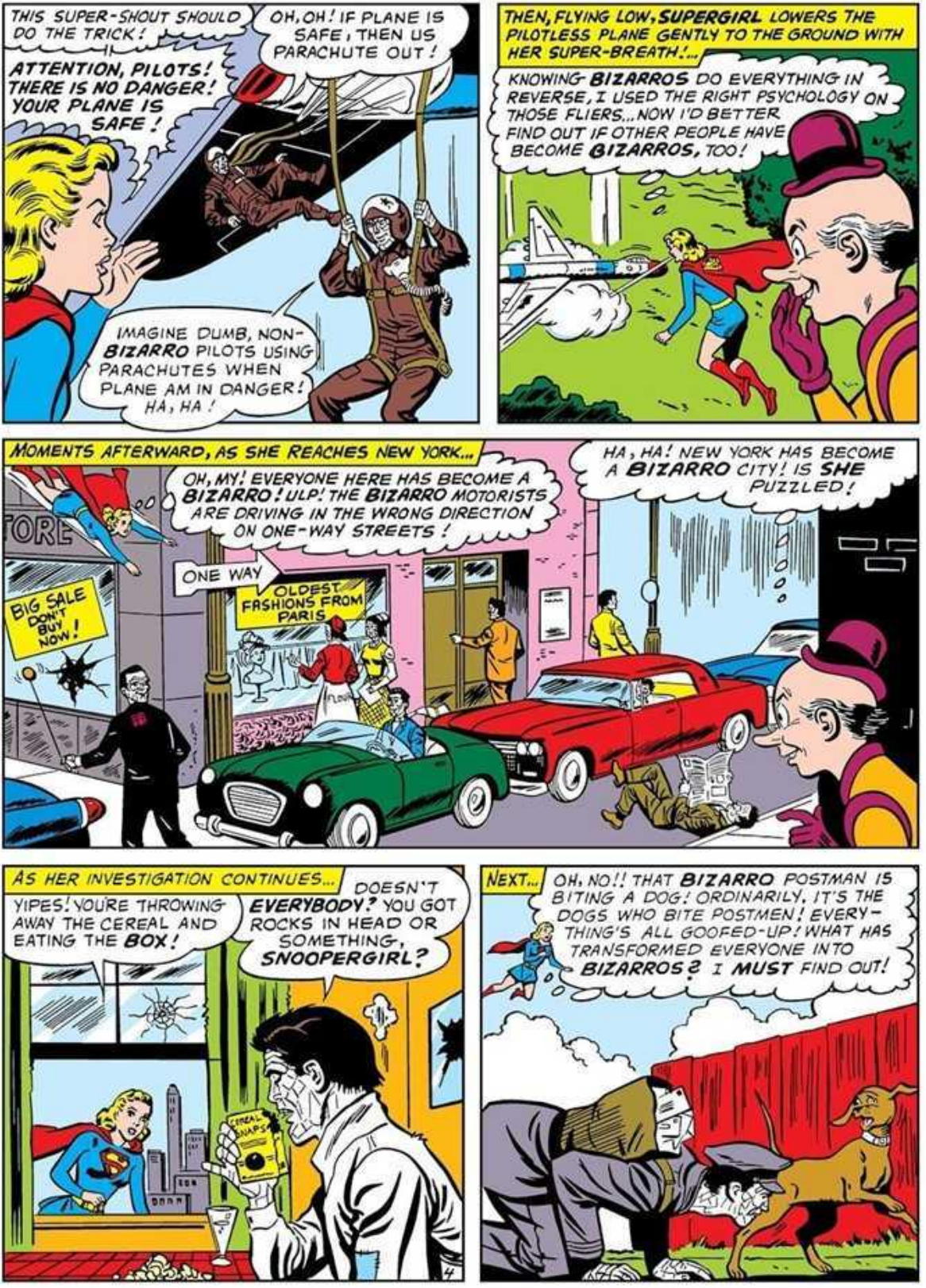

SUPERGIRL
AH...THE BLUSHING, IMPATIENT BRIDE!
PLEASE DON'T MAKE ME MARRY MR. MXYZPTLK, THE CRAZY IMP FROM THE 5TH DIMENSION, DAD!
WHERE'S YOUR GRATITUDE, DEAR? MR. MXYZPTLK HAS MADE ALURA AND ME... YOUR KRYPTONIAN PARENTS... MAGICALLY LIVE AGAIN, THOUGH WE DIED YEARS AGO...AND WE NOW HAVE SUPER-POWERS LIKE YOU!
WE'LL BE PROUD TO HAVE MR. MXYZPTLK FOR A SON-IN LAW! DO AS YOUR FATHER ZOR-EL COMMANDS, SUPERGIRL!
JUSTICE OF THE PEACE
DYNAMIC SUPERGIRL, THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST GIRL, HAS ENCOUNTERED A WIDE VARIETY OF TERRIFIC PERILS DURING HER ASTONISHING CAREER AS A CRUSADER FOR GOOD CAUSES, BUT SHE HAS ALWAYS MANAGED TO BEST THEM WITH HER AMAZING SUPER-POWERS...SUCH AS X-RAY VISION, SUPER-BREATH AND SUPER-STRENGTH! HOWEVER, ONE DISMAYING DAY, SHE IS CONFRONTED WITH A SUPER-PROBLEM SUCH AS SHE HAS NEVER ENCOUNTERED BEFORE--A DILEMMA EVEN SHE CAN'T OVERCOME! SEE WHAT HAPPENS WHEN HER DEAD KRYPTONIAN PARENTS MAGICALLY LIVE AGAIN, AND INSIST SHE BECOME...
The BRIDE of MR. MXYZPTLK!

ONE DAY, SUPERGIRL, WHO IS SECRETLY LINDA LEE DANVERS, FLIES HER FOSTER-PARENTS TOWARD MIDVALE ORPHANAGE...
MY TELESCOPIC VISION REVEALS THE COAST IS CLEAR IN THIS DESERTED SECTION! WE'RE UNSEEN!-MUST HURRY, BEFORE THE ORPHANAGE'S VISITING HOURS END!
SHORTLY, AS SUPERGIRL CHANGES TO HER LINDA IDENTITY, THEN ENTERS THE ORPHANAGE WITH HER MOTHER AND FATHER...
HOW KIND OF YOU TO BRING THESE GIFTS FOR THE CHILDREN!
WHY NOT? LINDA WAS AN ORPHAN HERE, BEFORE WE ADOPTED HER!
LATER, AFTER THEY LEAVE, AND LINDA CHANGES TO SUPERGIRL ONCE AGAIN...
WHEN WE ADOPTED YOU, WE NEVER DREAMED YOU WERE SECRETLY THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST GIRL!
WE LOVE YOU SO! OUR LIVES WOULD BE EMPTY WITHOUT YOU!
TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF, DARLING, WHILE PATROLLING EARTH DURING SUPERMAN'S VISIT TO ANOTHER PLANET!
DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME--I'M INVULNERABLE, REMEMBER? IF ANY EVIL CHARACTERS TRY TO MAKE TROUBLE, THEY'D BETTER WATCH OUT!
PRESENTLY... MOM AND DAD LOVE ME JUST AS MUCH AS MY REAL KRYPTONIAN PARENTS DID, BEFORE THEY DIED.. NOTHING COULD EVER PART ME FROM MY FOSTER-PARENTS!
NOTHING, SUPERGIRL? WAIT AND SEE!
A LITTLE LATER, IN MR. MXYZPTLK'S 5TH DIMENSIONAL WORLD, AS THE ZANY IMP LOOKS AT HIS MULTI-DIMENSIONAL-VIEWER SCREEN...
OUTWITTING THAT MERE SUPERGIRL WILL BE A CINCH FOR ME!...THREE DIMENSIONAL EARTH, HERE I COME!!

THROUGH THE DIMENSIONAL-BARRIER INTO OUR WORLD HURTLES THE SILLY SPRITE...
SUPERGIRL'S TAGGING ALONG AFTER THAT PLANE! LIKE HER GOODY-GOODY COUSIN, SUPERMAN, SHE'S ON THE ALERT FOR TROUBLE! HA, HA! NOW FOR A GOOD LAUGH!
INSIDE THE PLANE...
WE'LL SOON REACH THE ATOMIC TEST-AREA WHERE WE'RE TO DROP OUR NUCLEAR BOMB CARGO!
SUPERGIRL'S KEEPING AN EYE ON US, IN CASE ANYTHING GOES WRONG BEFORE WE GET THERE!
AN INSTANT LATER...
FIFTH DIMENSIONAL MAGIC, DO YOUR STUFF! ZOOMPFF!
GASP!! THE PILOTS HAVE SUDDENLY TURNED INTO BIZARROS,.. PATHETIC CREATURES WITH TWISTED MINDS WHO DO EVERYTHING IN A CRAZY, MIXED-UP WAY!
HEY! WHY US FLYING PLANE IN SKY?
LET'S FLY IT UNDERGROUND WHERE IT BELONG!
MY SUPER-HEARING OVERHEARS THEM! IF I SEIZE THE PLANE, THOSE IDIOTS MIGHT DO SOMETHING STUPID LIKE SETTING OFF THE BOMB PREMATURELY... I MUST TRY SOMETHING ELSE!
SWIFTLY, THE GIRL OF STEEL DIGS A GREAT TUNNEL...
AS I HOPED, THEY'RE FLYING AFTER ME THROUGH THE TUNNEL!
THIS MUCH BETTER!
NOW US FLYING GOOD... LIKE A SUBWAY-PLANE SHOULD!
SHORTLY...
THE PLANE EMERGED FROM THE TUNNEL'S OTHER END! NOW HOW CAN I GET THOSE BIZARRO PILOTS TO LEAVE THAT PLANE VOLUNTARILY, SO THEY WON'T DO SOMETHING THAT'LL MAKE THEIR NUCLEAR BOMB GO OFF TOO SOON? HMM...--I'VE GOT IT!!


THIS SUPER-SHOUT SHOULD DO THE TRICK!
OH, OH! IF PLANE IS SAFE, THEN US PARACHUTE OUT!
ATTENTION, PILOTS! THERE IS NO DANGER! YOUR PLANE IS SAFE!
IMAGINE DUMB, NON-BIZARRO PILOTS USING PARACHUTES WHEN PLANE AM IN DANGER! HA, HA!
THEN, FLYING LOW, SUPERGIRL LOWERS THE PILOTLESS PLANE GENTLY TO THE GROUND WITH HER SUPER-BREATH!...
KNOWING BIZARROS DO EVERYTHING IN REVERSE, I USED THE RIGHT PSYCHOLOGY ON THOSE FLIERS... NOW I'D BETTER FIND OUT IF OTHER PEOPLE HAVE BECOME BIZARROS, TOO!
MOMENTS AFTERWARD, AS SHE REACHES NEW YORK...
OH, MY! EVERYONE HERE HAS BECOME A BIZARRO! ULP! THE BIZARRO MOTORISTS ARE DRIVING IN THE WRONG DIRECTION ON ONE-WAY STREETS!
HA, HA! NEW YORK HAS BECOME A BIZARRO CITY! IS SHE PUZZLED!
ONE WAY
OLDEST FASHIONS FROM PARIS
BIG SALE DON'T BUY NOW!
AS HER INVESTIGATION CONTINUES...
YIPES! YOU'RE THROWING AWAY THE CEREAL AND EATING THE BOX!
DOESN'T EVERYBODY? YOU GOT ROCKS IN HEAD OR SOMETHING, SNOOPERGIRL?
NEXT...
OH, NO!! THAT BIZARRO POSTMAN IS BITING A DOG! ORDINARILY, IT'S THE DOGS WHO BITE POSTMEN! EVERYTHING'S ALL GOOFED-UP! WHAT HAS TRANSFORMED EVERYONE INTO BIZARROS? I MUST FIND OUT!

OFF TO THE UN BUILDING STREAKS THE GIRL OF STEEL, AND THERE SHE WITNESSES ONE OF THE MOST AMAZING TURNABOUTS OF ALL TIME..
PHOOEY ON PEACE! ME GOT PEACHY IDEA! LET'S EVERYBODY DECLARE WAR ON EVERYBODY ELSE!
WAR! WAR! WAR! US WANT WAR!
DOWN WITH PEACE
;CHOKE; INSTEAD OF KEEPING THE PEACE, THE BIZARRO UNITED NATIONS ASSEMBLY IS TRYING TO CREATE WAR! OH, DEAR, IF ONLY SUPERMAN WOULD RETURN FROM OUTER SPACE! THIS MYSTERY IS TOO MUCH FOR ME!
BUT AS SUPERGIRL DEPARTS..
HOWDY, MA'M! I'M MR. MXYZPTLK, FROM THE 5TH DIMENSION! ARE YOU ENJOYING MY HILARIOUS HOCUS-POCUS?
SO YOU'RE BEHIND THIS MADNESS, YOU IMP! SUPERMAN TOLD ME ALL ABOUT YOU!
WHY, YOU NASTY LITTLE...! AWP.. NO MATTER HOW SUPER—SPEEDILY I GRAB FOR YOU, YOU ELUDE ME!
THAT'S BECAUSE MY 5TH DIMENSION-AL MAGIC IS MIGHTIER THAN YOUR MERE SUPER-POWERS! DISAPPOINTED? HA, HA!
THE ONLY WAY TO RETURN THIS PEST TO HIS OWN DIMENSION, FOR AT LEAST 90 DAYS, IS TO TRICK HIM INTO SAYING HIS NAME BACKWARDS!
I'M GOING TO PULL MORE DELIGHTFUL PRANKS! AREN'T YOU GLAD?
SOON, AT A FOOTBALL STADIUM IN METROPOLIS, WHERE SUPERGIRL IS TO APPEAR AS GUEST CHEER-LEADER FOR THE HOME TEAM...
EACH TIME I TOSS THESE CARDS INTO THE AIR, THEY'LL SPELL OUT ANOTHER NONSENSE-WORD, WHILE ALOFT! EVERYBODY CHEER!
WHAT FUN!
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THE CHEER BEGINS AS THE GIRL OF STEEL TOSSES THE CARDS HIGH...
ZPTXYLMK... YEAAAA!
GREAT! KEEP IT UP!
Z P T X Y L M K
ON CONTINUES THE CHEERING, AS SUPERGIRL CATCHES THE FALLING CARDS, SHUFFLES THEM, THEN HURLS THEM UPWARD AGAIN...
TMKLZXYP--RAHHH! LET'S GO TEAM...
I'LL TRICK MR. MXYZPTLK INTO SAYING HIS NAME BACKWARDS, ON THE NEXT TOSS!
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AS SUPERGIRL MAKES THE FINAL TOSS...
WHEN THE AUDIENCE AND MR. MXYZPTLK SEE THE CARDS AND SHOUT KLTPZYXM... RAH, IT'LL MAKE HIM VANISH BACK INTO THE 5TH DIMENSION... AS HE DISAPPEARS, THE EFFECTS OF HIS MAGIC WILL VANISH WITH HIM!
K L T P Z Y X M
BUT UNEXPECTEDLY...
THE CARDS! TH-THEY'VE TURNED INTO GREEN SNAKES!
YOU DID IT WITH YOUR MAGIC!
RIGHT! YOU THOUGHT YOU'D GET RID OF ME BY MAKING ME SAY MY NAME BACKWARDS! BUT I'M TOO SMART FOR YOU!
OFF FLASHES THE ZANY IMP, FOLLOWED BY SUPERGIRL TO A POLICEMEN'S PICNIC...
DON'T ANYBODY MOVE UNTIL I'VE TAKEN THIS GROUP SHOT!
I'LL LIVEN THINGS UP WITH A LITTLE... ZOOMP!
WHAT MISCHIEF IS HE UP TO, NOW?
A SECOND LATER...
YOWLP! RUN! RUN!
GASP!! THE MADCAP IMP TRANSFORMED NORMAL-SIZED BEES INTO MENACING GIANTS! MUST ACT BEFORE SOMEONE GETS HURT!
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SWIFTLY, SUPERGIRL GATHERS A LARGE QUANTITY OF FLOWERS. THEN, AS SHE FLIES THEM INTO THE SKY...
NOW TO SQUEEZE THE FLOWERS' NECTAR DOWN INTO THE EMPTY WATER TOWER!
NEXT INSTANT...
BEES LOVE NECTAR... AH... AS I HOPED, THE GIANT BEES ARE FLYING AWAY FROM THE POLICE, TOWARD THE NECTAR! THE'LL BE TOO BUSY SIPPING NECTAR TO BOTHER ANYONE!
OFF TO THE FORTRESS OF SOLITUDE FLASHES SUPERGIRL...
THIS MIND CONTROL HELMET FROM ANOTHER WORLD MAY ENABLE ME TO GET RID OF MR. MXYZPTLK BEFORE HE PULLS MORE CRAZY STUNTS!
STREAKING BACK, SHE CONFRONTS THE IMP...
I COMMAND YOU TO TELL ME YOUR NAME! SAY IT BACKWARDS!
MADAM, I'M ADAM!*
*MADDENINGLY, THE SPRITE HAS ANSWERED WITH A SENTENCE THAT READS THE SAME BACKWARDS OR FORWARDS!-ED
UNHAPPILY, SUPERGIRL TOSSES THE HELMET AWAY...
CHOKE! IT DIDN'T WORK!
HA, HA! NATURALLY NOT! MY 5TH DIMENSIONAL MAGIC IS GREATER THAN ANY MECHANICAL GADGET! WHAT DO YOU THINK OF ME NOW?
I'LL TELL YOU WHAT I THINK! I THINK YOU'RE AN IRRITATING, AGGRAVATING, ANNOYING PEST! I HATE YOU! YOU'RE THE GREATEST CREEP THERE EVER WAS!
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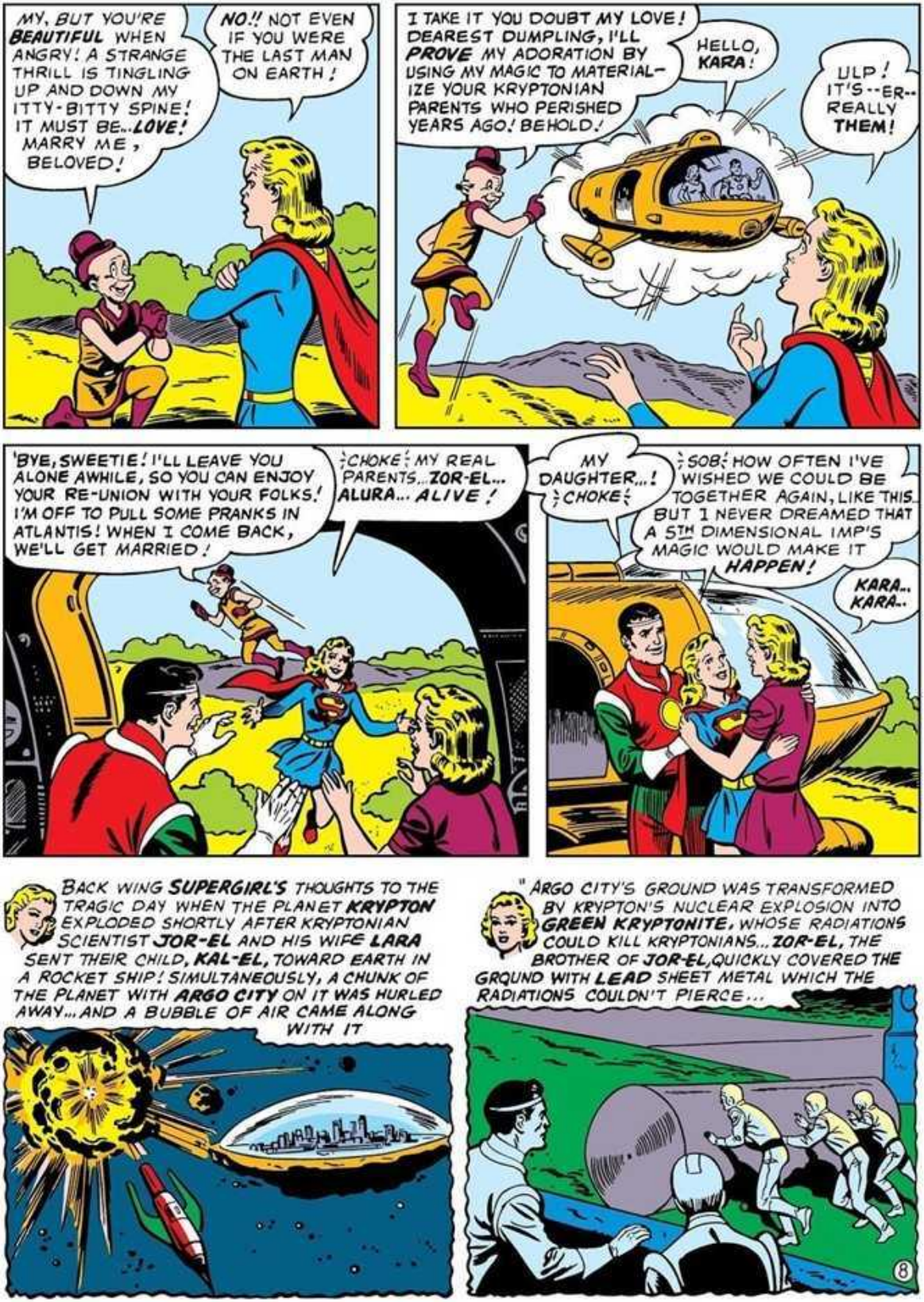
MY, BUT YOU'RE BEAUTIFUL WHEN ANGRY! A STRANGE THRILL IS TINGLING UP AND DOWN MY ITTY-BITTY SPINE! IT MUST BE..LOVE! MARRY ME, BELOVED!
NO!! NOT EVEN IF YOU WERE THE LAST MAN ON EARTH!
I TAKE IT YOU DOUBT MY LOVE! DEAREST DUMPLING, I'LL PROVE MY ADORATION BY USING MY MAGIC TO MATERIALIZE YOUR KRYPTONIAN PARENTS WHO PERISHED YEARS AGO! BEHOLD!
HELLO, KARA!
ULP! IT'S--ER--REALLY THEM!
'BYE, SWEETIE! I'LL LEAVE YOU ALONE AWHILE, SO YOU CAN ENJOY YOUR RE-UNION WITH YOUR FOLKS! I'M OFF TO PULL SOME PRANKS IN ATLANTIS! WHEN I COME BACK, WE'LL GET MARRIED!
:CHOKE: MY REAL PARENTS...ZOR-EL... ALURA... ALIVE!
MY DAUGHTER...! :CHOKE:
:SOB: HOW OFTEN I'VE WISHED WE COULD BE TOGETHER AGAIN, LIKE THIS BUT I NEVER DREAMED THAT A 5TH DIMENSIONAL IMP'S MAGIC WOULD MAKE IT HAPPEN!
KARA.. KARA..
BACK WING SUPERGIRL'S THOUGHTS TO THE TRAGIC DAY WHEN THE PLANET KRYPTON EXPLODED SHORTLY AFTER KRYPTONIAN SCIENTIST JOR-EL AND HIS WIFE LARA SENT THEIR CHILD, KAL-EL, TOWARD EARTH IN A ROCKET SHIP! SIMULTANEOUSLY, A CHUNK OF THE PLANET WITH ARGO CITY ON IT WAS HURLED AWAY...AND A BUBBLE OF AIR CAME ALONG WITH IT
"ARGO CITY'S GROUND WAS TRANSFORMED BY KRYPTON'S NUCLEAR EXPLOSION INTO GREEN KRYPTONITE, WHOSE RADIATIONS COULD KILL KRYPTONIANS...ZOR-EL, THE BROTHER OF JOR-EL, QUICKLY COVERED THE GROUND WITH LEAD SHEET METAL WHICH THE RADIATIONS COULDN'T PIERCE...
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YEARS LATER, ZOR-EL AND HIS WIFE, ALURA, HAD A BABY GIRL, KARA -- ME!
SHE'S BEAUTIFUL, DARLING... I'LL CONTINUE EXPERIMENTING AND SOME DAY I MAY SUCCEED IN MY ATTEMPTS TO INVENT A SPACE SHIP WHICH CAN TAKE ALL OF US SAFELY TO ANOTHER PLANET!
"WHEN I GREW INTO A TEEN-AGER, A METEOR — FLOCK SMASHED HOLES IN THE LEADEN SHIELD, RELEASING THE DEADLY KRYPTONITE RAYS..."
INTO THE HOUSE, KARA! WE'RE ALL DOOMED! MY ONE-MAN ROCKET SHIP IS STILL EXPERIMENTAL... BUT IT MAY SAVE YOU!
"WITH THEIR SUPER-SPACE TELESCOPE, MY PARENTS HAD BEEN OBSERVING KAL-EL, WHO HAD GROWN UP TO BECOME SUPERMAN ON EARTH! MOTHER MADE A COSTUME SIMILAR TO SUPERMAN'S FOR ME, THEN THEY SENT ME TO EARTH IN THE ROCKET SHIP, BEFORE THEY DIED. ON EARTH, I BECAME SUPERMAN'S SECRET ALLY, UNTIL RECENTLY, WHEN HE REVEALED ME TO THE WORLD!"
THEN SUPERGIRL TELLS ZOR-EL AND ALURA WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO HER SINCE SHE REACHED EARTH, AND HOW SHE WAS ADOPTED BY THE DANVERS...
WE'LL NEVER BE SEPARATED AGAIN!
HERE ON EARTH, YOU'RE SUPER, TOO! COME, I'LL TEACH YOU HOW TO FLY!
BUT AS THE SUPER-FAMILY SOARS ALOFT...
OH-OH! I HIT A MOUNTAIN PEAK ACCIDENTALLY! IT SHATTERED!
IT TAKES TIME TO MASTER FLYING ABILITY! FORTUNATELY, THE IMPACT DIDN'T HARM YOU, BECAUSE OF YOUR INVULNERABILITY!
SHORTLY, AS SUPERGIRL LEADS ZOR-EL AND ALURA THROUGH A SECRET TUNNEL INTO THE DANVERS HOME...
MEET MY KRYPTONIAN PARENTS!
BUT WE THOUGHT...
I KNOW IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE, MR. DANVERS, BUT WE'RE ALIVE AGAIN, THANKS TO MR. MXYZPTLK'S MAGIC!
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THANKS FOR ALL YOU'VE DONE FOR KARA! BUT NOW THAT SHE'S OUR DAUGHTER AGAIN, AND WILL NOT BE LIVING WITH YOU, SHE WON'T HAVE TO USE A SECRET IDENTITY IN ORDER TO PROTECT YOU FROM VENGEFUL FOES!
YOU CAN'T MEAN THAT! WE LOVE SUPERGIRL! WE COULDN'T BEAR BEING PARTED FROM HER...
:CHOKE: MY REAL PARENTS, AND FOSTER PARENTS, ARE QUARRELING OVER ME!
STOP ARGUING! DON'T MAKE ME CHOOSE BETWEEN YOU! I... LOVE BOTH SETS OF PARENTS!--:SOB:
:CHOKE: I GUESS YOU DO BELONG WITH YOUR REAL PARENTS--GOODBYE, DARLING...! PLEASE REMEMBER US, ALWAYS!...
SHORTLY...
:SOB!: I HAD TO GIVE IN, FRED! I COULDN'T BEAR SEEING SUPERGIRL SUFFER, TORN BETWEEN TWO LOVES!
WE'RE GIVING HER UP, THOUGH OUR HEARTS ARE BREAKING, BECAUSE WE WANT HER TO BE HAPPY...
MY SUPER-HEARING OVERHEARD THEM! :CHOKE: THEY'RE SO... SO LOVING AND... AND SELF-SACRIFICING! I LOVE MY KRYPTONIAN PARENTS VERY MUCH... BUT THE DANVERS WILL ALWAYS BE CLOSE TO MY HEART, TOO!... :SOB: OH, HOW I'LL MISS THEM... :SOB:
LATER, AS SUPERGIRL SHOWS ZOR-EL AND ALURA THROUGH THE FORTRESS, SHE GIVES THEM PERMISSION TO EXPERIMENT IN A LABORATORY...
WHAT ARE YOU PREPARING?
TRUST US!
SOON AFTERWARD, AS SUPERGIRL CONDUCTS HER KRYPTONIAN PARENTS ON A TOUR OF EARTH...
HERE I AM, DARLING! I HAD A SWELL TIME DRIVING ATLANTIS CRAZY... LET'S GET ON WITH THE WEDDING!
YOU CAN'T BE SERIOUS!

I'LL BE PROUD TO HAVE A SON-IN-LAW WHO IS A MASTER OF 5TH DIMENSIONAL MAGIC!
BUT...
:CHOKE: DAD KNOWS I DON'T LOVE THAT IMP!
DON'T BE DISOBEDIENT! YOUR FATHER KNOWS BEST, KARA!
SHORTLY, AFTER THE SPRITE MATERIALIZES A WEDDING COSTUME ON HIS BRIDE-TO-BE...
WHY ARE MY PARENTS DOING THIS TO ME?
BEFORE THE CEREMONY BEGINS, LET'S ALL DRINK THIS PUNCH...
JUSTICE OF THE PEACE
WE'LL OBSERVE AN OLD KRYPTONIAN CUSTOM...WE'LL DRINK A TOAST TO YOUR WEDDED BLISS!
WHAT A HUSBAND I'LL MAKE! MY BRIDE WILL NEVER BE BORED! I'M LOADS OF FUN! PRANKS? I'VE GOT A ZILLION OF 'EM! HA, HA!
AFTER THE DRINKS ARE DOWNED...
AND NOW, MY WOULD-BE SON-IN-LAW, WOULD YOU SAY YOUR NAME BACKWARDS?
URK! I-I CAN'T HELP MYSELF! I'VE GOT TO SAY IT! MY NAME BACKWARDS IS...
...KLTPZYXM!
HA! IT WORKED! I POURED KRYPTON TRUTH SERUM INTO THE PUNCH!
MR. MXYZPTLK IS DISAPPEARING! SO ARE MY KRYPTONIAN PARENTS...AND MY WEDDING VEIL! THE SECOND THE IMP VANISHES, HIS 5TH DIMENSIONAL MAGIC WEARS OFF!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE, SUPERGIRL?
WHEN THE SPRITE DISAPPEARS, PEOPLE FORGET EVERYTHING THAT HAPPENED DURING HIS LATEST VISIT! SUPERMAN AND I CAN REMEMBER, THOUGH, BECAUSE OF OUR SUPER-MINDS!
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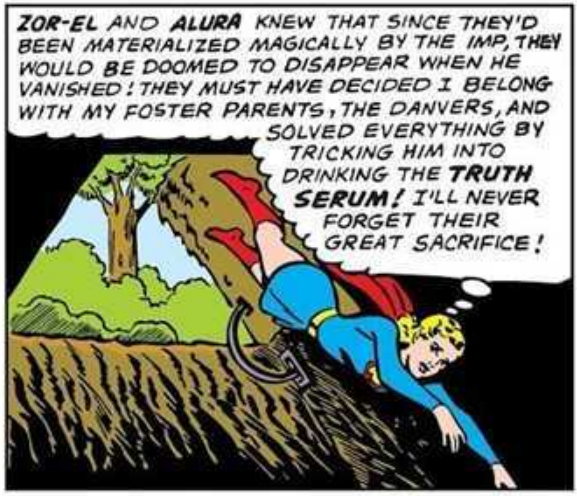
KRYPTON TRUTH SERUM! SO THAT'S WHAT MY KRYPTONIAN PARENTS PRODUCED IN THE LAB... A SUPER-POTION, MIGHTER THAN THE IMP'S 5TH DIMENSIONAL MAGIC! UNDER ITS INFLUENCE, THE IMP COULDN'T LIE WHEN ZOR-EL ASKED HIM TO SAY HIS NAME BACKWARDS!


ZOR-EL AND ALURA KNEW THAT SINCE THEY'D BEEN MATERIALIZED MAGICALLY BY THE IMP, THEY WOULD BE DOOMED TO DISAPPEAR WHEN HE VANISHED! THEY MUST HAVE DECIDED I BELONG WITH MY FOSTER PARENTS, THE DANVERS, AND SOLVED EVERYTHING BY TRICKING HIM INTO DRINKING THE TRUTH SERUM! I'LL NEVER FORGET THEIR GREAT SACRIFICE!

SHORTLY, IN THE DANVERS HOME...
HAVE AN INTERESTING DAY, DARLING?
YES, MOM!
...LIKE THE REST OF THE WORLD, YOU AND DAD HAVE FORGOTTEN MR. MXYZPTLK'S HANDIWORK! STRANGELY, BOTH SETS OF MY PARENTS ACTED SELF-SACRIFICINGLY IN MY BEHALF!
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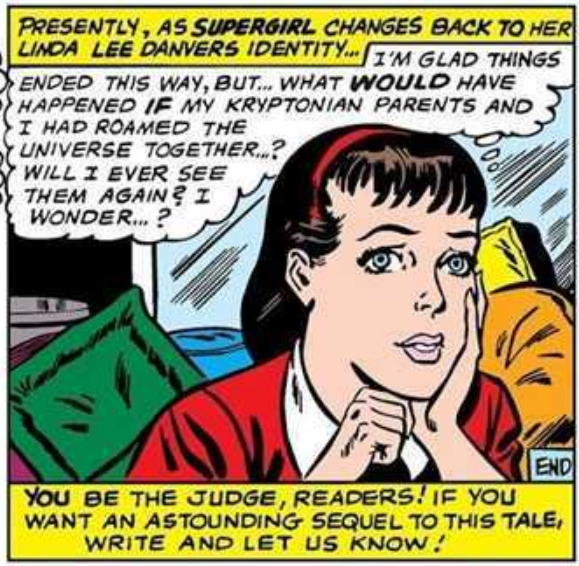
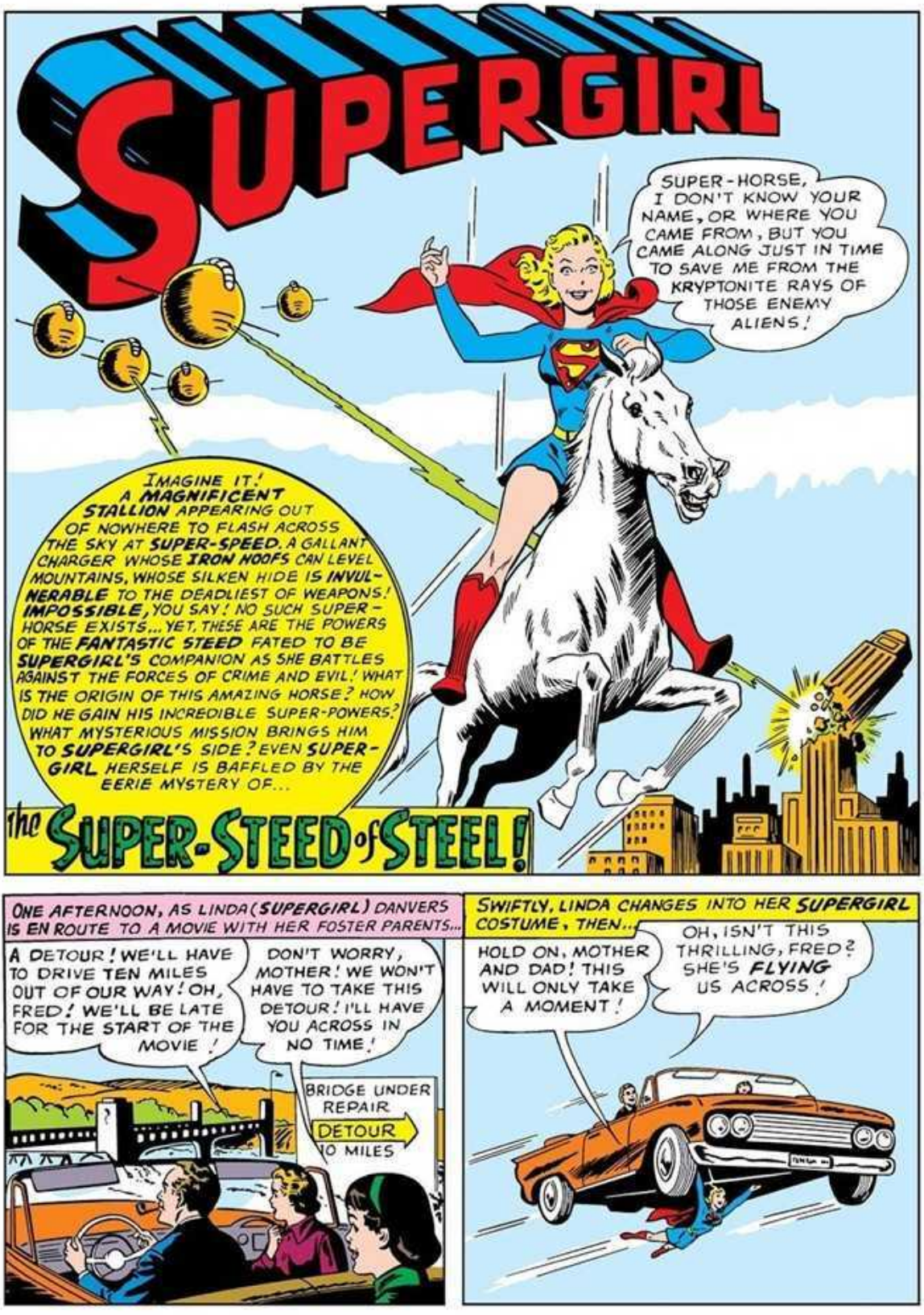
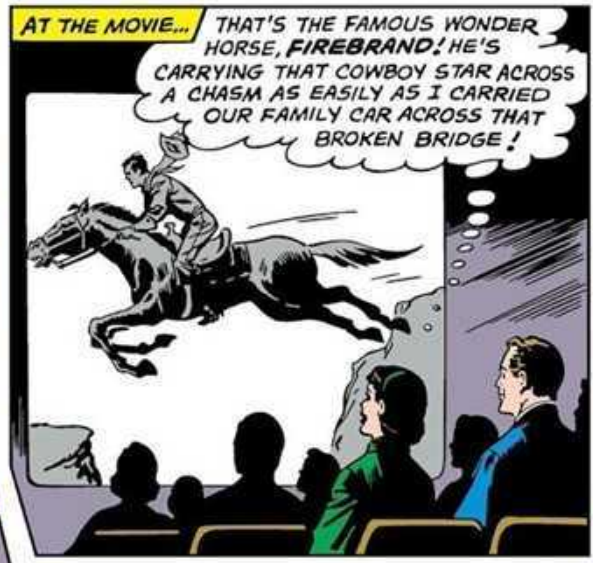

PRESENTLY, AS SUPERGIRL CHANGES BACK TO HER LINDA LEE DANVERS IDENTITY...
I'M GLAD THINGS ENDED THIS WAY, BUT... WHAT WOULD HAVE HAPPENED IF MY KRYPTONIAN PARENTS AND I HAD ROAMED THE UNIVERSE TOGETHER...? WILL I EVER SEE THEM AGAIN? I WONDER...?
END
YOU BE THE JUDGE, READERS! IF YOU WANT AN ASTOUNDING SEQUEL TO THIS TALE, WRITE AND LET US KNOW!

SUPERGIRL


SUPERGIRL
SUPER-HORSE, I DON'T KNOW YOUR NAME, OR WHERE YOU CAME FROM, BUT YOU CAME ALONG JUST IN TIME TO SAVE ME FROM THE KRYPTONITE RAYS OF THOSE ENEMY ALIENS!
IMAGINE IT! A MAGNIFICENT STALLION APPEARING OUT OF NOWHERE TO FLASH ACROSS THE SKY AT SUPER-SPEED. A GALLANT CHARGER WHOSE IRON HOOFS CAN LEVEL MOUNTAINS, WHOSE SILKEN HIDE IS INVULNERABLE TO THE DEADLIEST OF WEAPONS! IMPOSSIBLE, YOU SAY! NO SUCH SUPER-HORSE EXISTS... YET, THESE ARE THE POWERS OF THE FANTASTIC STEED FATED TO BE SUPERGIRL'S COMPANION AS SHE BATTLES AGAINST THE FORCES OF CRIME AND EVIL! WHAT IS THE ORIGIN OF THIS AMAZING HORSE? HOW DID HE GAIN HIS INCREDIBLE SUPER-POWERS? WHAT MYSTERIOUS MISSION BRINGS HIM TO SUPERGIRL'S SIDE? EVEN SUPERGIRL HERSELF IS BAFFLED BY THE EERIE MYSTERY OF...
the SUPER-STEED of STEEL!
ONE AFTERNOON, AS LINDA (SUPERGIRL) DANVERS IS EN ROUTE TO A MOVIE WITH HER FOSTER PARENTS...
A DETOUR! WE'LL HAVE TO DRIVE TEN MILES OUT OF OUR WAY! OH, FRED! WE'LL BE LATE FOR THE START OF THE MOVIE!
DON'T WORRY, MOTHER! WE WON'T HAVE TO TAKE THIS DETOUR! I'LL HAVE YOU ACROSS IN NO TIME!
BRIDGE UNDER REPAIR
DETOUR 10 MILES
SWIFTLY, LINDA CHANGES INTO HER SUPERGIRL COSTUME, THEN...
HOLD ON, MOTHER AND DAD! THIS WILL ONLY TAKE A MOMENT!
OH, ISN'T THIS THRILLING, FRED? SHE'S FLYING US ACROSS!

SOON THE HAPPY DANVERS FAMILY RESUMES ITS JOURNEY...
WE'RE THE LUCKIEST PARENTS ALIVE TO HAVE SUPERGIRL AS A DAUGHTER!
I COULD JUST BURST WITH PRIDE TELLING FRIENDS OUR LINDA IS SUPERGIRL ... BUT WE MUST KEEP IT A SECRET!
¡CHOKE!¡ MOM... DAD, YOU'RE SO SWEET TO ME!


AT THE MOVIE...
THAT'S THE FAMOUS WONDER HORSE, FIREBRAND! HE'S CARRYING THAT COWBOY STAR ACROSS A CHASM AS EASILY AS I CARRIED OUR FAMILY CAR ACROSS THAT BROKEN BRIDGE!

AND AS THE MOVIE REACHES ITS CLIMAX...
FIREBRAND IS UNMASKING THE LEADER OF THE HIGHWAYMEN! ¡GASP!¡ HE MUST HAVE AMAZING INTELLIGENCE TO BE ABLE TO DO A TRICK LIKE THAT!

THAT NIGHT, IN HER ROOM, AS LINDA RETIRES...
I KEEP THINKING ABOUT FIREBRAND! OH, WOULDN'T IT BE EXCITING IF I COULD HAVE A WONDER HORSE FOR MY OWN? THE FUN WE COULD HAVE TOGETHER! GOSH, JUST THINKING ABOUT IT GIVES ME GOOSE FLESH! I HOPE I CAN FALL ASLEEP TONIGHT!

SURE ENOUGH, LINDA'S RESTLESS SLEEP IS DISTURBED BY A STRANGE DREAM...
REPEATING THE BULLETIN! ATTENTION ALL LISTENERS! AN ALIEN SPACE-FLEET IS ATTACKING METROPOLIS! CIVILIANS ARE ORDERED TO EVACUATE THE CITY AT ONCE!
OMIGOSH!

THE ALIEN RAIDERS ARE DESTROYING METROPOLIS' TALLEST SKYSCRAPERS! CALLING SUPERMAN! IF YOU ARE WITHIN REACH, RESPOND TO THIS EMERGENCY AT ONCE!
SUPERMAN CAN'T ANSWER THAT CALL! HE'S OFF IN A DISTANT GALAXY! I'LL HAVE TO TACKLE THIS JOB MYSELF!
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EVEN IN HER DREAM, LINDA RESPONDS TO DUTY'S CALL IN HER ROLE AS SUPERGIRL!
THOSE ALIENS ARE BOMBARDING METROPOLIS WITH BOLTS OF PURE ENERGY! HOW CAN THEY GENERATE THE ENORMOUS POWER FOR SUCH FANTASTIC WEAPONS? I'LL USE MY X-RAY VISION TO FIND OUT!
MY X-RAY VISION CAN'T BREAK THROUGH! THEY MUST HAVE THAT SPACE-SPHERE LINED WITH LEAD! I'LL GIVE THESE ALIEN RAIDERS A TASTE OF MY SUPER-STRENGTH!
BUT AS THE GIRL OF STEEL RAMS INTO THE ENEMY SPACE-CRAFT...
GASP! IT'S A TRAP! I'M CAUGHT IN A CROSS-FIRE OF-- OF RAY GUNS! :CHOKE!: THEY'RE PROBABLY POWERED BY GREEN KRYPTONITE! I FEEL SO WEAK... HELPLESS!
:CHOKE!: THOSE KRYPTONITE RAYS WEAKENED MY SUPER-POWERS... I'M FALLING -- PLUNGING EARTHWARD!
FROM A NEARBY SPACE CRAFT THE ALIEN INVADERS GLOAT...
PERFECT! SUPERGIRL TOOK THE BAIT AND PLUNGED RIGHT INTO OUR TRAP! IT'S HER FINISH!
HA! WITH HER OUT OF THE WAY, WE CAN SUBDUE THE EARTH AT OUR LEISURE!
SUDDENLY, OUT OF NOWHERE...
GULP! THIS FALL IS AFFECTING MY MIND! I MUST BE SEEING THINGS! IT'S A FLYING HORSE! AND HE'S GALLOPING THROUGH THE AIR TOWARD ME!
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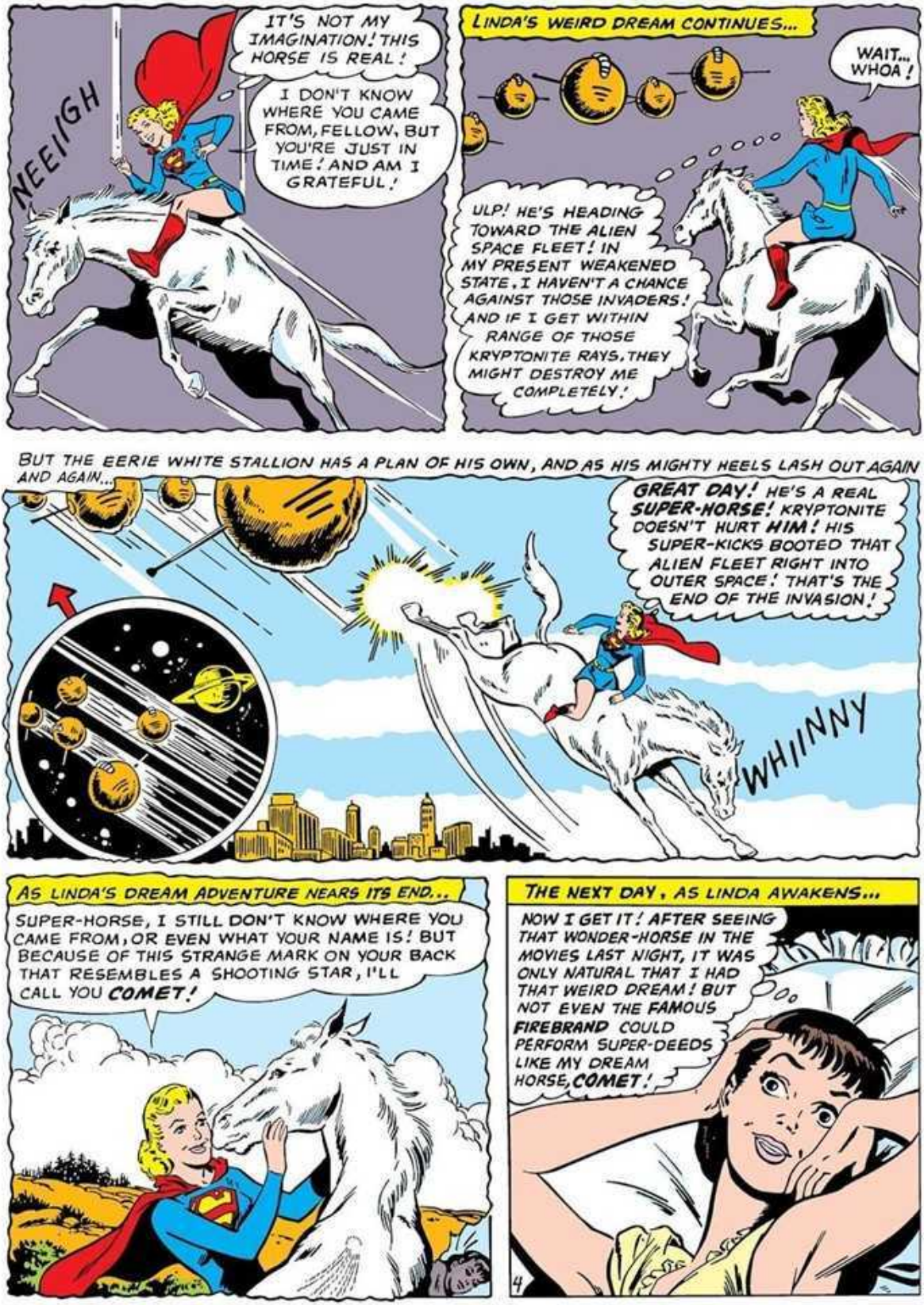
NEEIIGH
IT'S NOT MY IMAGINATION! THIS HORSE IS REAL!
I DON'T KNOW WHERE YOU CAME FROM, FELLOW, BUT YOU'RE JUST IN TIME! AND AM I GRATEFUL!
LINDA'S WEIRD DREAM CONTINUES...
WAIT... WHOA!
ULP! HE'S HEADING TOWARD THE ALIEN SPACE FLEET! IN MY PRESENT WEAKENED STATE, I HAVEN'T A CHANCE AGAINST THOSE INVADERS! AND IF I GET WITHIN RANGE OF THOSE KRYPTONITE RAYS, THEY MIGHT DESTROY ME COMPLETELY!
BUT THE EERIE WHITE STALLION HAS A PLAN OF HIS OWN, AND AS HIS MIGHTY HEELS LASH OUT AGAIN AND AGAIN...
GREAT DAY! HE'S A REAL SUPER-HORSE! KRYPTONITE DOESN'T HURT HIM! HIS SUPER-KICKS BOOTED THAT ALIEN FLEET RIGHT INTO OUTER SPACE! THAT'S THE END OF THE INVASION!
WHIINNY
AS LINDA'S DREAM ADVENTURE NEARS ITS END...
SUPER-HORSE, I STILL DON'T KNOW WHERE YOU CAME FROM, OR EVEN WHAT YOUR NAME IS! BUT BECAUSE OF THIS STRANGE MARK ON YOUR BACK THAT RESEMBLES A SHOOTING STAR, I'LL CALL YOU COMET!
THE NEXT DAY, AS LINDA AWAKENS...
NOW I GET IT! AFTER SEEING THAT WONDER-HORSE IN THE MOVIES LAST NIGHT, IT WAS ONLY NATURAL THAT I HAD THAT WEIRD DREAM! BUT NOT EVEN THE FAMOUS FIREBRAND COULD PERFORM SUPER-DEEDS LIKE MY DREAM HORSE, COMET!
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THAT EVENING, WHILE DOING HOMEWORK WITH HER FRIEND, DICK MALVERNE, LINDA IS STILL HUNTED BY HER STRANGE DREAM..
LINDA, YOU'RE DAY-DREAMING AGAIN! WE'RE STUDYING ABOUT HELEN OF TROY AND THE TROJAN HORSE! TRY TO CONCENTRATE ON THE LESSON!
ER... ALL RIGHT, DICK!
THE ONLY HORSE I CAN CONCENTRATE ON IS MY DREAM STALLION, COMET!
THAT NIGHT LINDA DREAMS AGAIN... BUT THIS ONE BEGINS WITH HER BOY-FRIEND, DICK MALVERNE...
HERE'S LINDA NOW! EVERYTHING'S SET! WE CAN START THE DRESS REHEARSAL OF OUR SCHOOL PAGEANT ABOUT THE WITCHES OF SALEM!
AS THE REHEARSAL BEGINS...
LINDA, AS ONE OF THE ACCUSED WITCHES, YOUR PART CALLS FOR YOU TO BE LOCKED UP IN THE STOCKS!
ALL RIGHT, DICK! YOU'RE THE DIRECTOR!
SUDDENLY, FROM A NEARBY PORTABLE TRANSISTOR RADIO...
ATTENTION, SUPERMAN OR SUPERGIRL! A SUBMARINE HAS JUST BEEN SUNK ACCIDENTALLY OFF THE PORT OF METROPOLIS! PROCEED TO THE SCENE AT ONCE!
GASP! SUPERMAN'S SOMEWHERE IN THE FUTURE! I'D BETTER CHECK ON THE CONDITION OF THAT SUNKEN SUB WITH MY TELESCOPIC VISION!
AS LINDA'S STRANGE DREAM CONTINUES...
MY TELESCOPIC VISION SHOWS ME THAT WATER IS POURING INTO THE SHATTERED HULL OF THAT SUB! THE SAILORS ABOARD THAT SUNKEN CRAFT ARE DOOMED UNLESS I RESCUE THEM!
TO SAVE THOSE SUBMARINERS, I'D HAVE TO USE MY SUPER-STRENGTH TO BREAK OUT OF THESE STOCKS! BUT THAT WOULD REVEAL MY IDENTITY AS SUPERGIRL! GULP!
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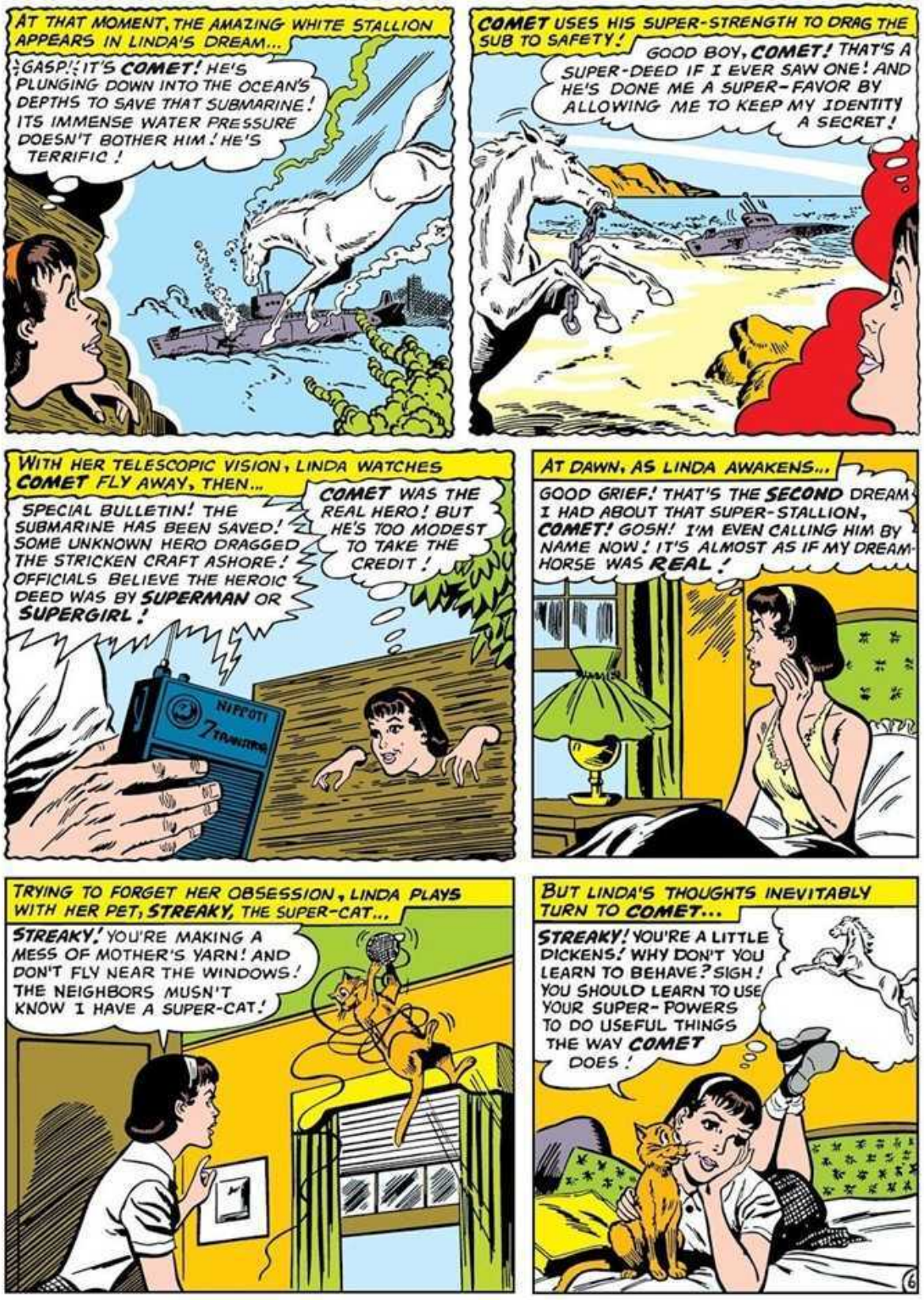
AT THAT MOMENT, THE AMAZING WHITE STALLION APPEARS IN LINDA'S DREAM...
GASP! IT'S COMET! HE'S PLUNGING DOWN INTO THE OCEAN'S DEPTHS TO SAVE THAT SUBMARINE! ITS IMMENSE WATER PRESSURE DOESN'T BOTHER HIM! HE'S TERRIFIC!
COMET USES HIS SUPER-STRENGTH TO DRAG THE SUB TO SAFETY!
GOOD BOY, COMET! THAT'S A SUPER-DEED IF I EVER SAW ONE! AND HE'S DONE ME A SUPER-FAVOR BY ALLOWING ME TO KEEP MY IDENTITY A SECRET!
WITH HER TELESCOPIC VISION, LINDA WATCHES COMET FLY AWAY, THEN...
SPECIAL BULLETIN! THE SUBMARINE HAS BEEN SAVED! SOME UNKNOWN HERO DRAGGED THE STRICKEN CRAFT ASHORE! OFFICIALS BELIEVE THE HEROIC DEED WAS BY SUPERMAN OR SUPERGIRL!
COMET WAS THE REAL HERO! BUT HE'S TOO MODEST TO TAKE THE CREDIT!
NIPPOTI TRANSISTOR
AT DAWN, AS LINDA AWAKENS...
GOOD GRIEF! THAT'S THE SECOND DREAM I HAD ABOUT THAT SUPER-STALLION, COMET! GOSH! I'M EVEN CALLING HIM BY NAME NOW! IT'S ALMOST AS IF MY DREAM-HORSE WAS REAL!
TRYING TO FORGET HER OBSESSION, LINDA PLAYS WITH HER PET, STREAKY, THE SUPER-CAT...
STREAKY! YOU'RE MAKING A MESS OF MOTHER'S YARN! AND DON'T FLY NEAR THE WINDOWS! THE NEIGHBORS MUSN'T KNOW I HAVE A SUPER-CAT!
BUT LINDA'S THOUGHTS INEVITABLY TURN TO COMET...
STREAKY! YOU'RE A LITTLE DICKENS! WHY DON'T YOU LEARN TO BEHAVE? SIGH! YOU SHOULD LEARN TO USE YOUR SUPER-POWERS TO DO USEFUL THINGS THE WAY COMET DOES!
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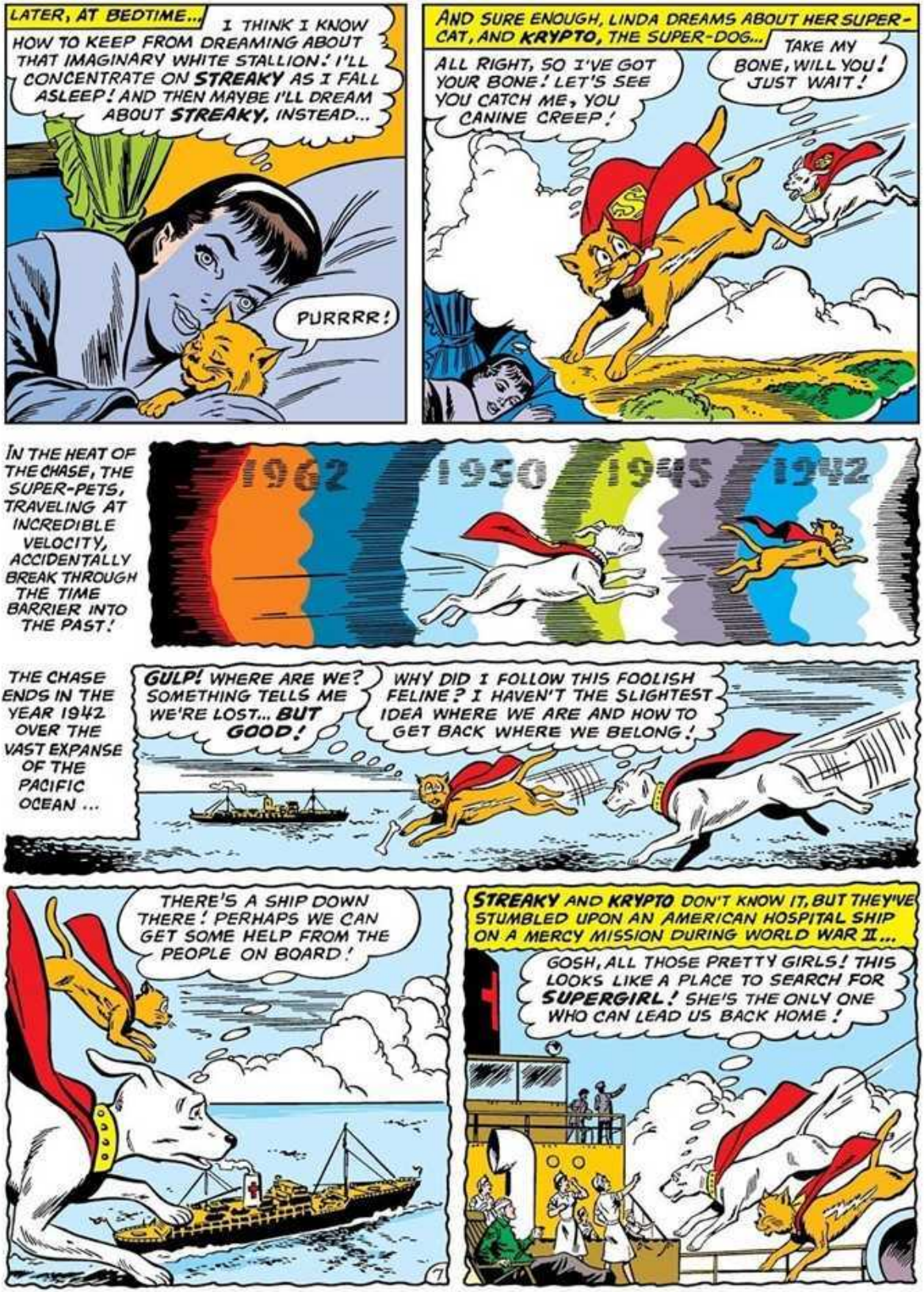
LATER, AT BEDTIME...
I THINK I KNOW HOW TO KEEP FROM DREAMING ABOUT THAT IMAGINARY WHITE STALLION! I'LL CONCENTRATE ON STREAKY AS I FALL ASLEEP! AND THEN MAYBE I'LL DREAM ABOUT STREAKY, INSTEAD...
PURRRR!
AND SURE ENOUGH, LINDA DREAMS ABOUT HER SUPER-CAT, AND KRYPTO, THE SUPER-DOG...
ALL RIGHT, SO I'VE GOT YOUR BONE! LET'S SEE YOU CATCH ME, YOU CANINE CREEP!
TAKE MY BONE, WILL YOU! JUST WAIT!
IN THE HEAT OF THE CHASE, THE SUPER-PETS, TRAVELING AT INCREDIBLE VELOCITY, ACCIDENTALLY BREAK THROUGH THE TIME BARRIER INTO THE PAST!
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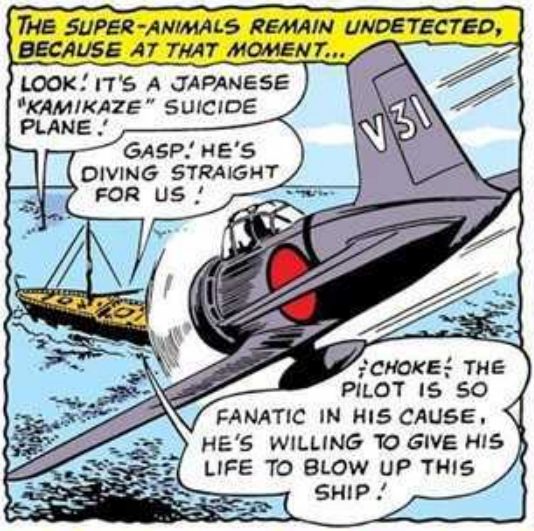
THE CHASE ENDS IN THE YEAR 1942 OVER THE VAST EXPANSE OF THE PACIFIC OCEAN ...
GULP! WHERE ARE WE? SOMETHING TELLS ME WE'RE LOST... BUT GOOD!
WHY DID I FOLLOW THIS FOOLISH FELINE? I HAVEN'T THE SLIGHTEST IDEA WHERE WE ARE AND HOW TO GET BACK WHERE WE BELONG!
THERE'S A SHIP DOWN THERE! PERHAPS WE CAN GET SOME HELP FROM THE PEOPLE ON BOARD!
STREAKY AND KRYPTO DON'T KNOW IT, BUT THEY'VE STUMBLED UPON AN AMERICAN HOSPITAL SHIP ON A MERCY MISSION DURING WORLD WAR II...
GOSH, ALL THOSE PRETTY GIRLS! THIS LOOKS LIKE A PLACE TO SEARCH FOR SUPERGIRL! SHE'S THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN LEAD US BACK HOME!


THE SUPER-ANIMALS REMAIN UNDETECTED, BECAUSE AT THAT MOMENT...
LOOK! IT'S A JAPANESE "KAMIKAZE" SUICIDE PLANE!
GASP! HE'S DIVING STRAIGHT FOR US!
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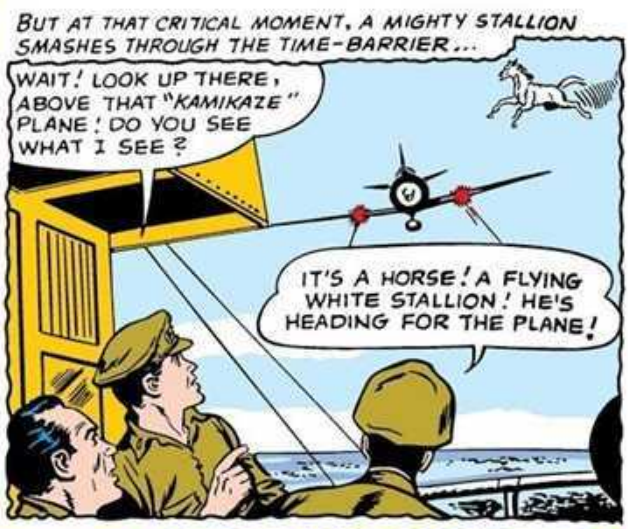
;CHOKE; THE PILOT IS SO FANATIC IN HIS CAUSE, HE'S WILLING TO GIVE HIS LIFE TO BLOW UP THIS SHIP!


BUT AT THAT CRITICAL MOMENT, A MIGHTY STALLION SMASHES THROUGH THE TIME-BARRIER...
WAIT! LOOK UP THERE, ABOVE THAT "KAMIKAZE" PLANE! DO YOU SEE WHAT I SEE?
IT'S A HORSE! A FLYING WHITE STALLION! HE'S HEADING FOR THE PLANE!

IT'S COMET, THE SUPER-HORSE OF LINDA'S WEIRD DREAMS... AND AT SUPER-SPEED, HE INTERCEPTS THE ATTACKING PLANE...
WE MUST BE SEEING THINGS! THAT JAPANESE PLANE STRUCK THE FLYING HORSE AND JUST DISINTEGRATED!

AS LINDA'S DREAM ENDS, THE SUPER-STALLION COMPLETES HIS MISSION, GUIDING KRYPTO AND STREAKY BACK INTO THE YEAR 1962...

THE NEXT MORNING, AS LINDA AWAKENS...
THOSE CONSTANT DREAMS ABOUT A WHITE SUPER-STALLION ARE BEGINNING TO WORRY ME! I'VE GOT TO FIND SOME WAY OF GETTING THAT IMAGINARY HORSE OUT OF MY MIND.'

AND THAT AFTERNOON, FATE COMES TO LINDA'S RESCUE...
LINDA, I'VE GOT A WEEK'S VACATION COMING TO ME! I'M PLANNING TO TAKE IT NEXT WEEK, WHEN THE SCHOOL INTERSESSION BEGINS.'
WE'RE PLANNING A TRIP, DEAR! WHERE WOULD YOU LIKE TO GO? THE MOUNTAINS? THE SEA SHORE?
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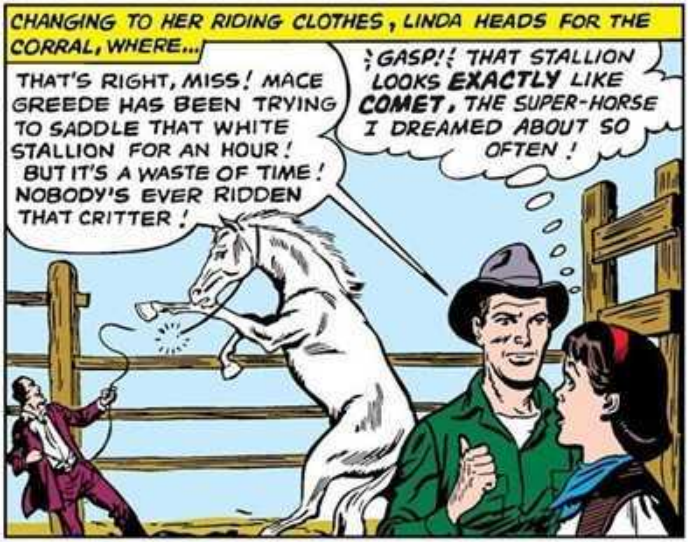
I'VE GOT A GREAT IDEA! LET'S VISIT THE SUPERGIRL DUDE RANCH IN THE SIERRAS!
I'VE HEARD ABOUT THAT PLACE! THEY NAMED IT FOR YOU BECAUSE YOU ONCE SAVED THE OWNER'S LIVESTOCK DURING A FLOOD... A VISIT TO A DUDE RANCH SOUNDS LIKE A GREAT IDEA! WE'LL DO IT!
SUPERGIRL
DUDE

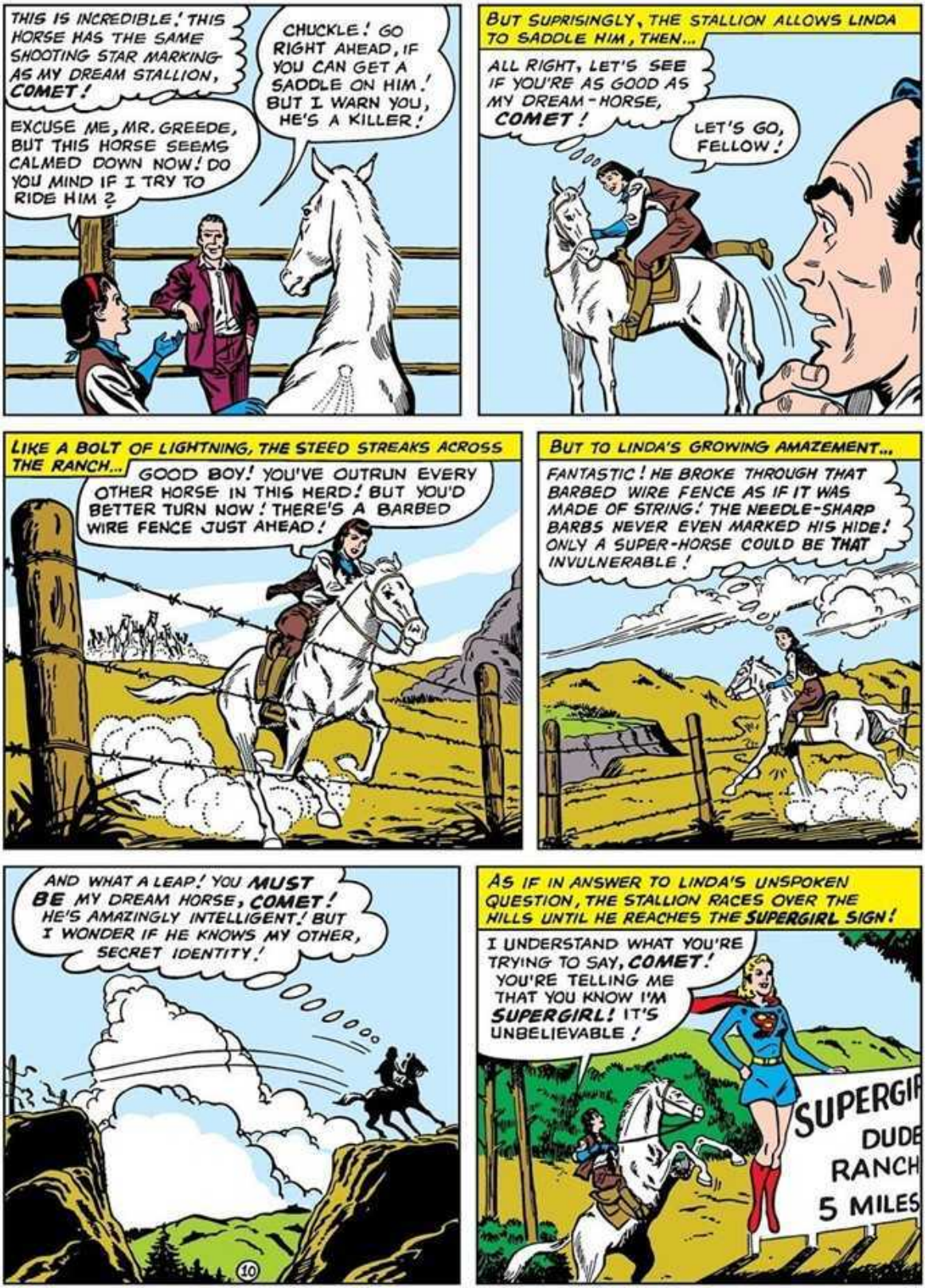
LATER, AS LINDA PACKS FOR THE TRIP...
THAT DUDE RANCH IS MAYBE JUST WHAT THE DOCTOR ORDERED! I'LL DO A LOT OF HORSEBACK RIDING! THAT WAY I'LL GET THIS OBSESSION ABOUT THAT IMAGINARY STALLION OUT OF MY SYSTEM!

AND SO, A FEW DAYS LATER...
JUST LOOK AT THAT SIGN, EDNA! DOESN'T IT MAKE YOU PROUD THAT SUPERGIRL IS OUR DAUGHTER?
POP HADLEY, THE OWNER OF THE RANCH, ERECTED THAT SIGN, DAD! GOSH, IT'LL BE GOOD TO SEE HIM AGAIN!
SUPERGIRL
DUDE
RANCH
5 MILES

BUT AT THE RANCH, LINDA GETS AN UNPLEASANT SURPRISE...
POP HADLEY, NAW! THAT OLD COOT ISN'T HERE ANYMORE! HE SOLD ME THIS PLACE A YEAR AGO BECAUSE HE COULDN'T MAKE A GO OF IT! MY NAME IS MACE GREEDE!
I SEE! THANK YOU!
I THOUGHT POP WAS DOING WELL HERE! BUT I SUPPOSE HE WAS TOO OLD TO RUN THE PLACE!


CHANGING TO HER RIDING CLOTHES, LINDA HEADS FOR THE CORRAL, WHERE...
THAT'S RIGHT, MISS! MACE GREEDE HAS BEEN TRYING TO SADDLE THAT WHITE STALLION FOR AN HOUR! BUT IT'S A WASTE OF TIME! NOBODY'S EVER RIDDEN THAT CRITTER!
GASP!! THAT STALLION LOOKS EXACTLY LIKE COMET, THE SUPER-HORSE I DREAMED ABOUT SO OFTEN!

EAGERLY, LINDA APPROACHES THE CORRAL, AND AMAZINGLY...
WELL, I'LL BE! THAT CRAZY CRITTER WON'T LET ANYONE NEAR HIM, YET HE'S AS GENTLE AS A KITTEN WITH THAT GIRL! IT'S ALMOST AS IF HE KNOWS HER!
GREEDE IS RIGHT! FOR SOME REASON, I'D ALMOST SWEAR THIS HORSE RECOGNIZES ME!


THIS IS INCREDIBLE! THIS HORSE HAS THE SAME SHOOTING STAR MARKING AS MY DREAM STALLION, COMET!
CHUCKLE! GO RIGHT AHEAD, IF YOU CAN GET A SADDLE ON HIM! BUT I WARN YOU, HE'S A KILLER!
EXCUSE ME, MR. GREEDE, BUT THIS HORSE SEEMS CALMED DOWN NOW! DO YOU MIND IF I TRY TO RIDE HIM?
BUT SURPRISINGLY, THE STALLION ALLOWS LINDA TO SADDLE HIM, THEN...
ALL RIGHT, LET'S SEE IF YOU'RE AS GOOD AS MY DREAM-HORSE, COMET!
LET'S GO, FELLOW!
LIKE A BOLT OF LIGHTNING, THE STEED STREAKS ACROSS THE RANCH...
GOOD BOY! YOU'VE OUTRUN EVERY OTHER HORSE IN THIS HERD! BUT YOU'D BETTER TURN NOW! THERE'S A BARBED WIRE FENCE JUST AHEAD!
BUT TO LINDA'S GROWING AMAZEMENT...
FANTASTIC! HE BROKE THROUGH THAT BARBED WIRE FENCE AS IF IT WAS MADE OF STRING! THE NEEDLE-SHARP BARBS NEVER EVEN MARKED HIS HIDE! ONLY A SUPER-HORSE COULD BE THAT INVULNERABLE!
AND WHAT A LEAP! YOU MUST BE MY DREAM HORSE, COMET! HE'S AMAZINGLY INTELLIGENT! BUT I WONDER IF HE KNOWS MY OTHER, SECRET IDENTITY!
AS IF IN ANSWER TO LINDA'S UNSPOKEN QUESTION, THE STALLION RACES OVER THE HILLS UNTIL HE REACHES THE SUPERGIRL SIGN!
I UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU'RE TRYING TO SAY, COMET! YOU'RE TELLING ME THAT YOU KNOW I'M SUPERGIRL! IT'S UNBELIEVABLE!
SUPERGIR
DUDE
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YOUR AMAZING INTELLIGENCE PROVES THAT YOU'RE A SUPER-HORSE IN EVERY WAY, COMET! I'M GOING TO GIVE YOU A CAPE TO WEAR LIKE OTHER SUPER-ANIMALS! I'LL BORROW THIS ORDINARY CAPE FROM MY STATUE!
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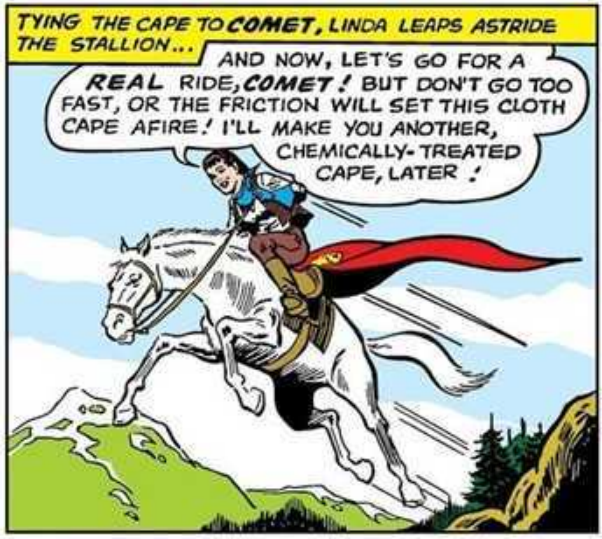
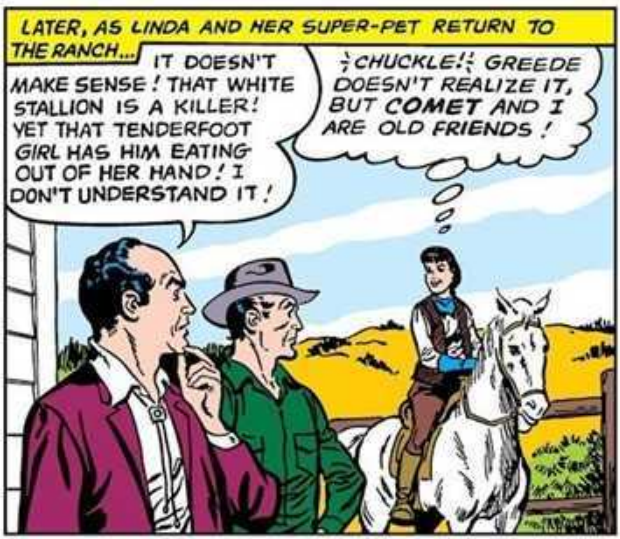

TYING THE CAPE TO COMET, LINDA LEAPS ASTRIDE THE STALLION...
AND NOW, LET'S GO FOR A REAL RIDE, COMET! BUT DON'T GO TOO FAST, OR THE FRICTION WILL SET THIS CLOTH CAPE AFIRE! I'LL MAKE YOU ANOTHER, CHEMICALLY-TREATED CAPE, LATER!


LATER, AS LINDA AND HER SUPER-PET RETURN TO THE RANCH...
IT DOESN'T MAKE SENSE! THAT WHITE STALLION IS A KILLER! YET THAT TENDERFOOT GIRL HAS HIM EATING OUT OF HER HAND! I DON'T UNDERSTAND IT!
CHUCKLE! GREEDE DOESN'T REALIZE IT, BUT COMET AND I ARE OLD FRIENDS!

BUT THERE'S A LOT I DON'T UNDERSTAND EITHER, COMET! FOR INSTANCE, WHERE DO YOU COME FROM? HOW DID YOU BECOME A SUPER-HORSE? AND WHY DID I DREAM OF YOUR EXISTENCE BEFORE I FOUND YOU HERE AT THE RANCH? I WONDER IF THOSE QUESTIONS WILL EVER BE ANSWERED!
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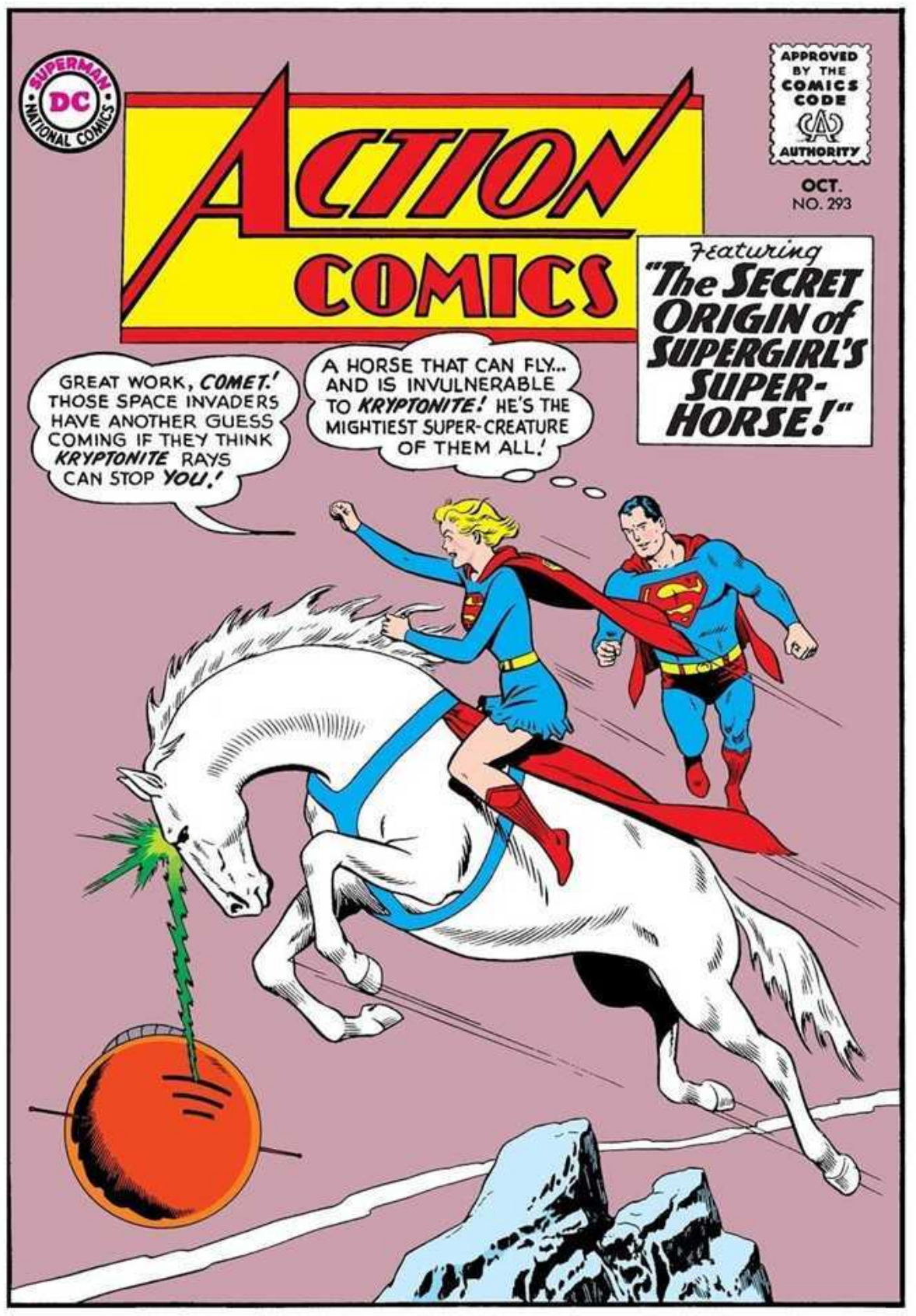
SUPERGIRL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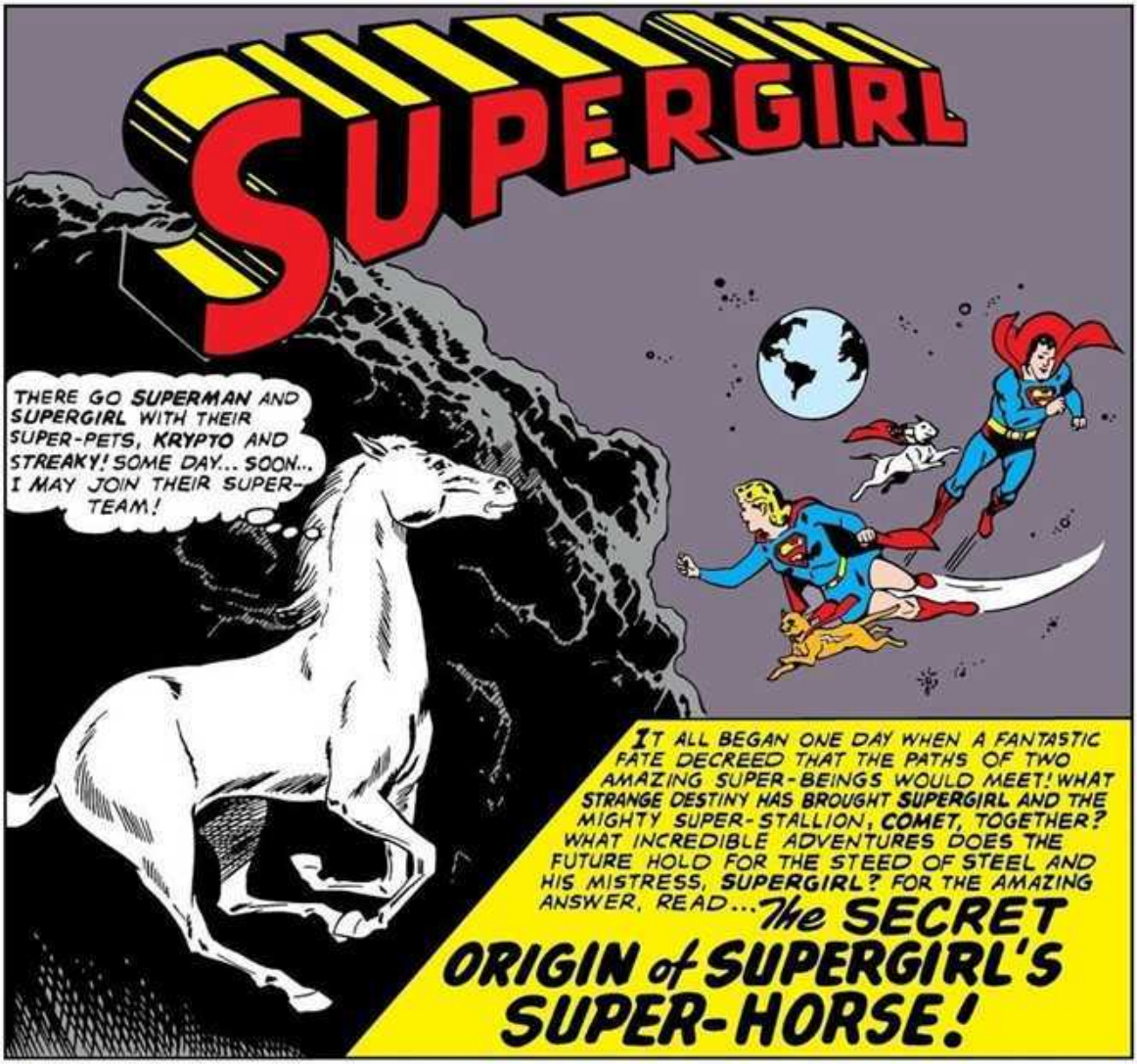
SUPERGIRL
THERE GO SUPERMAN AND SUPERGIRL WITH THEIR SUPER-PETS, KRYPTO AND STREAKY! SOME DAY... SOON... I MAY JOIN THEIR SUPER-TEAM!
IT ALL BEGAN ONE DAY WHEN A FANTASTIC FATE DECREED THAT THE PATHS OF TWO AMAZING SUPER-BEINGS WOULD MEET! WHAT STRANGE DESTINY HAS BROUGHT SUPERGIRL AND THE MIGHTY SUPER-STALLION, COMET, TOGETHER? WHAT INCREDIBLE ADVENTURES DOES THE FUTURE HOLD FOR THE STEED OF STEEL AND HIS MISTRESS, SUPERGIRL? FOR THE AMAZING ANSWER, READ... The SECRET ORIGIN of SUPERGIRL'S SUPER-HORSE!

ONE NIGHT AS LINDA LEE (SUPERGIRL) DANVERS HAS A STRANGE DREAM...
GOOD WORK, COMET! YOUR MIGHTY SUPER-KICKS HAVE SHATTERED THAT DANGEROUS ICEBERG AND CLEARED THE SHIPPING LANES!

BUT WHEN LINDA AWAKENS TO REALITY, SHE IS IN HER ROOM AT THE FAMED SUPERGIRL DUDE RANCH WHERE SHE IS VACATIONING...
ANOTHER DREAM ABOUT A SUPER-HORSE! AND IT ALL SEEMED SO REAL! I SUPPOSE I KEEP DREAMING ABOUT SUPER-HORSES BECAUSE I'M HERE ON THIS DUDE RANCH! BUT GOSH, HOW I WISH MY DREAM HORSE, COMET, WAS REAL!

BUT JUST THEN AN EERIE FIGURE STREAKS THROUGH THE MORNING SKY!...
IT'S COMET! THEN HE'S MORE THAN JUST A DREAM! HE'S REAL! YES! I REMEMBER NOW! I FOUND HIM HERE AT THE SUPERGIRL RANCH! I EVEN RODE HIM!
AS THE SUPER-STALLION SWOOPS TO EARTH...
NOBODY ELSE SAW HIM FLYING BUT ME! HE'S JOINING THE OTHER HORSES IN THE CORRAL! OH, THIS IS SO EXCITING! I'LL GO DOWN AND VISIT HIM AS SOON AS I DRESS!
BUT LINDA'S VISIT FINDS THE CORRAL IN AN UPROAR.
WHAT'S GOING ON, MR. GREEDE? WHAT ARE THEY DOING TO COMET?
COMET, EH? SO THAT'S WHAT YOU CALL THAT LOCO CRITTER! WELL, WE'RE TRYING TO BRAND AND SHOE HIM! BUT SO FAR YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO EVER MADE HIM HOLD STILL!
BETTER LET ME HANDLE COMET, MR. GREEDE! I'LL TAKE CARE OF EVERYTHING!
¡GULP!! IF THEY TRY TO BURN HIS HIDE OR DRIVE A NAIL IN HIS HOOF THEY'LL FIND OUT COMET IS INVULNERABLE! I'VE GOT TO PREVENT THAT!
THINK YOU CAN SHOE AND BRAND THAT WILD CRITTER, EH? YOU'RE WELCOME TO TRY!
WORKING SWIFTLY, LINDA SHIELDS HER MOVEMENTS FROM THE ONLOOKERS AS THE MIGHTY STALLION HOLDS STILL...
GREEDE THINKS I'M NAILING THESE SHOES INTO PLACE! ACTUALLY, I'M USING MY HEAT-VISION TO MELT THEM AROUND THE EDGE OF COMET'S HOOFS!
CLANG! CLANG!
THEN, WITH LIGHT PUFFS OF HER SUPER-BREATH, LINDA RAISES A CLOUD OF SMOKE FROM THE BRANDING FIRE...
EXCUSE THE SMOKE, GENTLEMEN! I'M TRYING TO HEAT UP THIS BRANDING IRON A LITTLE MORE!
¡CHUCKLE!! THAT'S JUST ENOUGH SMOKE TO SCREEN ME.. WHILE I "BRAND" COMET!
COUGH! COUGH!
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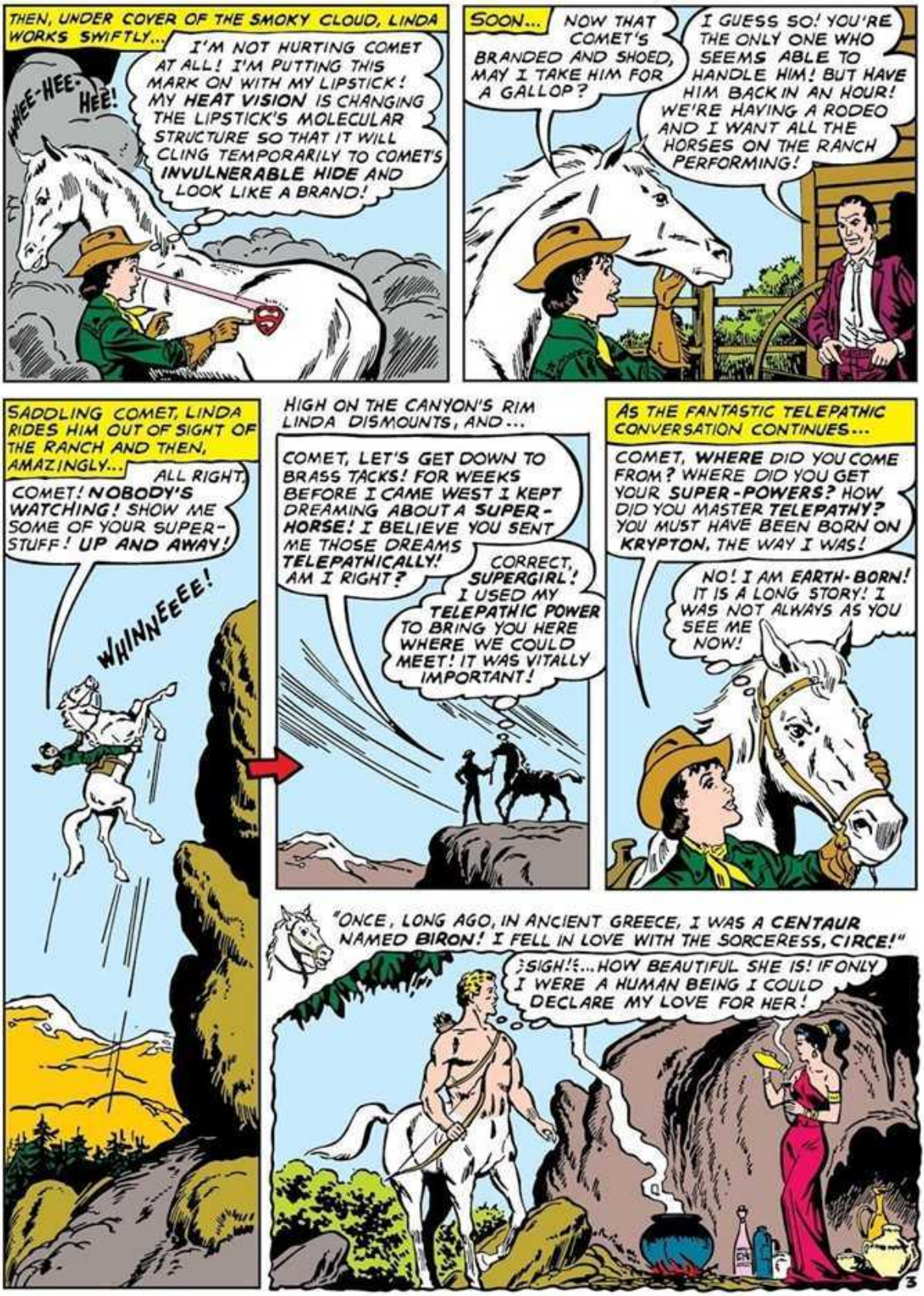
THEN, UNDER COVER OF THE SMOKY CLOUD, LINDA WORKS SWIFTLY...
I'M NOT HURTING COMET AT ALL! I'M PUTTING THIS MARK ON WITH MY LIPSTICK! MY HEAT VISION IS CHANGING THE LIPSTICK'S MOLECULAR STRUCTURE SO THAT IT WILL CLING TEMPORARILY TO COMET'S INVULNERABLE HIDE AND LOOK LIKE A BRAND!
HEE-HEE-HEE!
SOON...
NOW THAT COMET'S BRANDED AND SHOED, MAY I TAKE HIM FOR A GALLOP?
I GUESS SO! YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO SEEMS ABLE TO HANDLE HIM! BUT HAVE HIM BACK IN AN HOUR! WE'RE HAVING A RODEO AND I WANT ALL THE HORSES ON THE RANCH PERFORMING!
SADDLING COMET, LINDA RIDES HIM OUT OF SIGHT OF THE RANCH AND THEN, AMAZINGLY...
ALL RIGHT, COMET! NOBODY'S WATCHING! SHOW ME SOME OF YOUR SUPER-STUFF! UP AND AWAY!
WHINNEEEE!
HIGH ON THE CANYON'S RIM LINDA DISMOUNTS, AND...
COMET, LET'S GET DOWN TO BRASS TACKS! FOR WEEKS BEFORE I CAME WEST I KEPT DREAMING ABOUT A SUPER-HORSE! I BELIEVE YOU SENT ME THOSE DREAMS TELEPATHICALLY! AM I RIGHT?
CORRECT, SUPERGIRL! I USED MY TELEPATHIC POWER TO BRING YOU HERE WHERE WE COULD MEET! IT WAS VITALLY IMPORTANT!
AS THE FANTASTIC TELEPATHIC CONVERSATION CONTINUES...
COMET, WHERE DID YOU COME FROM? WHERE DID YOU GET YOUR SUPER-POWERS? HOW DID YOU MASTER TELEPATHY? YOU MUST HAVE BEEN BORN ON KRYPTON, THE WAY I WAS!
NO! I AM EARTH-BORN! IT IS A LONG STORY! I WAS NOT ALWAYS AS YOU SEE ME NOW!
"ONCE, LONG AGO, IN ANCIENT GREECE, I WAS A CENTAUR NAMED BIRON! I FELL IN LOVE WITH THE SORCERESS, CIRCE!"
SIGH!... HOW BEAUTIFUL SHE IS! IF ONLY I WERE A HUMAN BEING I COULD DECLARE MY LOVE FOR HER!
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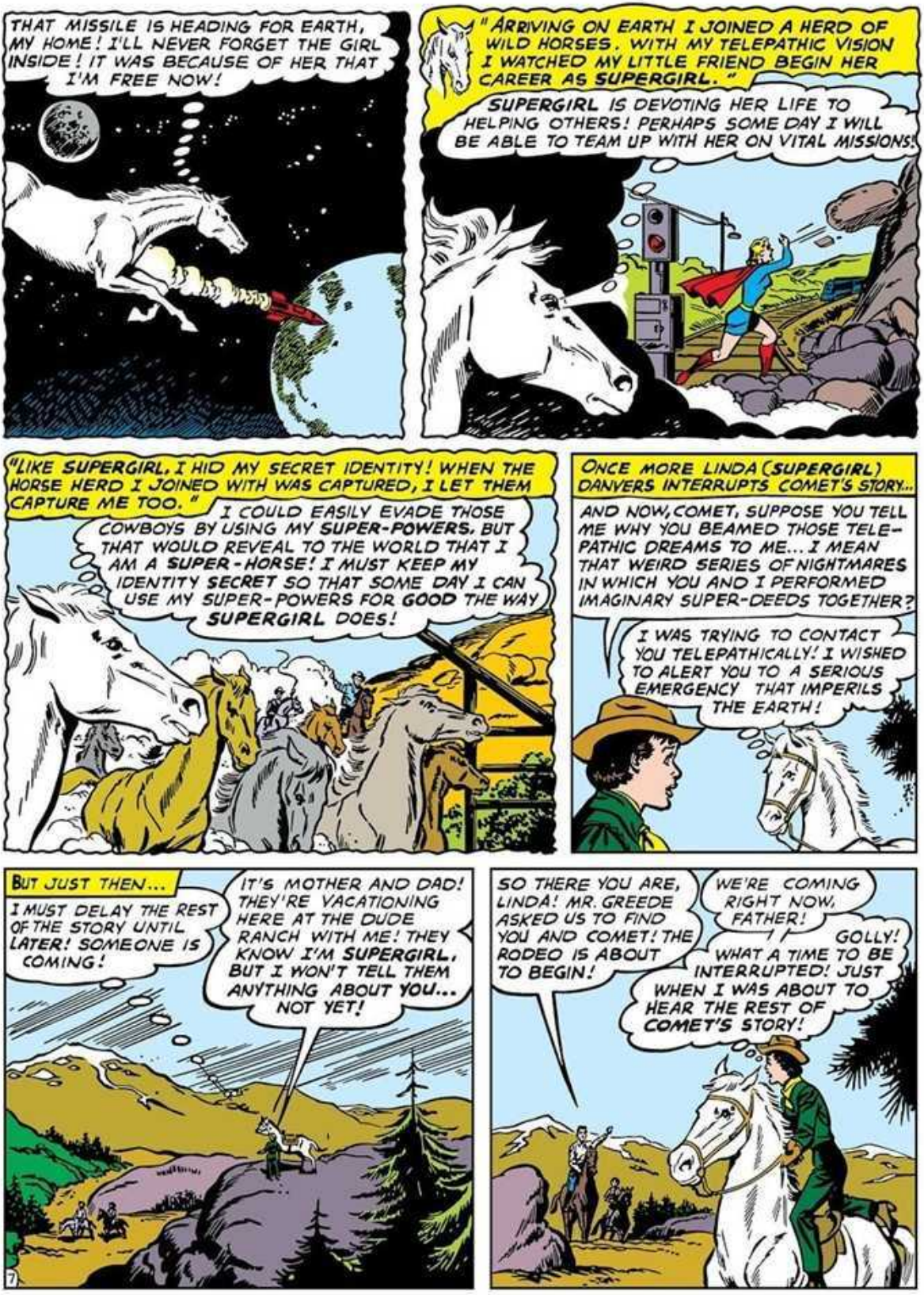
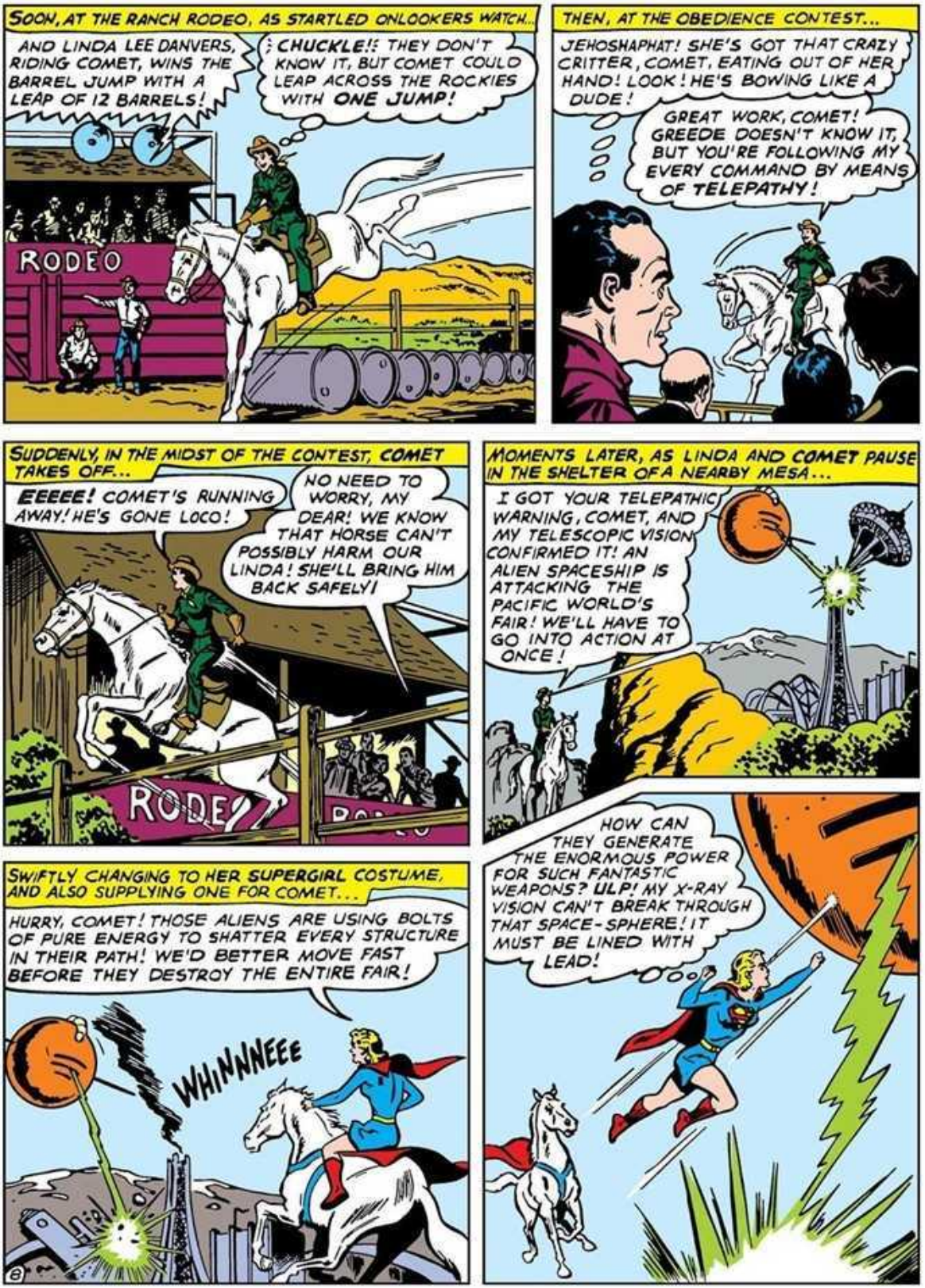
"THEN, ONE DAY I SAW AN EVIL WIZARD APPROACH THE FOUNTAIN WHERE CIRCE ALWAYS DRANK..."
IT IS THAT BLACK-HEARTED MALDOR! HE HAS HATED CIRCE EVER SINCE SHE BESTED HIM AT THE FESTIVAL OF MAGIC LAST YEAR! NOW HE PLANS TO POISON HER IN REVENGE!
"SWIFTLY I STRUNG MY BOW, AND..."
EEYAHHH!
"AS THE EVIL ONE FLED, THE BEAUTIFUL CIRCE STEPPED FROM THE UNDERBRUSH, AND..."
I SAW WHAT HAPPENED, BIRON! I OWE YOU MY LIFE! ASK ANY REWARD AND I WILL GRANT IT IF I CAN!
CIRCE, THERE IS ONLY ONE THING I WISH!
IF BY YOUR MAGIC POWERS YOU COULD CHANGE ME... TURN ME INTO A HUMAN BEING...!
IT WILL BE DONE... AND YOU'LL MAKE A HANDSOME MORTAL INDEED, BIRON!
"FOR DAYS SHE MIXED HER HERBS AND MAGIC POTIONS. THEN, AT LAST..."
THIS IS MY GREATEST ACHIEVEMENT AS A SORCERESS! ONE VIAL CONTAINS AN ELIXIR THAT WOULD TURN YOU INTO A HORSE! THIS ONE WILL TURN YOU INTO A MAN! DRINK, BIRON!
CIRCE! HOW CAN I THANK YOU FOR MAKING MY DEAREST WISH COME TRUE?
"AS THE BREW TOUCHED MY LIPS I FELT A CHANGE COME OVER ME... BUT TO MY HORROR!
SOMETHING'S HAPPENING! MY FACE... IT'S CHANGING! GROWING LONGER, HEAVIER!
GASP!! I GAVE HIM THE WRONG POTION! NO! NO!

"A GLANCE IN A NEARBY POOL TOLD ME THE AWFUL TRUTH..."
MY HANDSOME ONE! WHAT HAVE I DONE? THAT POTION TURNED YOU INTO A MERE BEAST! AND THERE IS NO ANTIDOTE... NO REMEDY!
"DESPERATE AT MY PLIGHT, I DRANK FROM THE FOAMING BOWL..."
DRINK! ALL THE SUPER-POWERS OF THE GODS WILL BE YOURS... AND THEIR IMMORTALITY AS WELL! }CHOKE!{
TO MAKE UP FOR MY GHASTLY ERROR I WILL MIX YOU ANOTHER POTION! A BREW THAT WILL GIVE YOU THE MIGHT OF JOVE, THE SPEED OF MERCURY, THE WISDOM OF ATHENA, AND THE TELEPATHIC POWERS OF NEPTUNE, KING OF THE SEA!
"BUT EVIL EYES WERE WATCHING FROM THE NEARBY FOREST..."
IT WAS I, MALDOR, WHO SWITCHED THE VIALS AND TRICKED THAT CURSED BIRON INTO DRINKING THE BREW THAT TURNED HIM INTO A BEAST! BUT BY GIVING HIM SUPER-POWERS, CIRCE HAS SPOILED MY REVENGE!
"STILL SEEKING VENGEANCE, MALDOR VISITED THE EVIL SOOTHSAYER WHO HAD TAUGHT HIM THE BLACK ARTS..."
NOW THAT CIRCE HAS GIVEN BIRON THE POWERS OF THE GODS AND THE GIFT OF IMMORTALITY, HOW CAN I GET MY REVENGE?
OBSERVE THE CHART OF THE ZODIAC, MY FRIEND! SINCE BIRON WAS BORN A CENTAUR, HIS FATE IS CONTROLLED BY THE SIGN OF SAGITTARIUS!
SPRINKLE THE POWDER IN THIS BOX ON BIRON AND THEN READ THE MAGIC SPELL ON THIS SCROLL! ITS POWER WILL EXILE BIRON TO THE CONSTELLATION SAGITTARIUS FOREVER!
}CHUCKLE!{
NOT EVEN BIRON'S SUPER-POWERS CAN SAVE HIM AGAINST THIS MAGIC!

"THAT NIGHT I AWOKE TO HEAR A WEIRD CHANT..."
BY THIS MAGIC DUST AND ENCHANTED RHYME YOU ARE DOOMED TO THE STARS TILL THE END OF TIME!
"INSTANTLY, I WAS HURLED INTO THE ICY DEPTHS OF SPACE..."
SOME POWERFUL FORCE IS DRAGGING ME TOWARD THAT DISTANT CONSTELLATION! NOT EVEN MY NEW SUPER-POWERS CAN RESIST IT!
"THEN I FOUND MYSELF ON A REMOTE ASTEROID, IMPRISONED BY A MAGIC AURA THAT COULD NOT BE DESTROYED..."
CHOKE!... THE AURA OF THAT MAGIC SPELL IS FAR MORE POWERFUL THAN MY SUPER-STRENGTH!! I'M DOOMED TO REMAIN OUT HERE FOREVER!
"YEARS, CENTURIES, AGES WENT BY. THEN, ONE DAY, MY TELEPATHIC VISION SAW A STRANGE OBJECT APPROACHING AT SUPER-SPEED..."
THERE'S SOME STRANGE MISSILE APPROACHING... WITH A GIRL INSIDE!
AS LINDA INTERRUPTS COMET'S TELEPATHIC TALE...
COMET! THIS IS INCREDIBLE! I WAS THAT GIRL INSIDE THE ROCKET! MY PARENTS HAD LAUNCHED ME TOWARD EARTH JUST BEFORE ARGO CITY PERISHED! IT WAS THE LAST SURVIVING FRAGMENT OF THE SHATTERED PLANET, KRYPTON!
YES! YOU WERE ROCKETING TOWARD YOUR FUTURE DESTINY AS SUPERGIRL! IT WAS THAT ROCKET THAT GAVE ME MY FREEDOM!
"YOUR ROCKET WAS EQUIPPED WITH REPELLER RAYS DESIGNED TO DESTROY ANY METEOR THAT MIGHT APPROACH! WHEN THOSE RAYS STRUCK MY ASTEROID PRISON..."
THE FORCE OF THOSE REPELLER RAYS SHATTERED THE MAGIC AURA THAT IMPRISONED ME! I'M FREE! FREE!
ZZZZAAAAPPP!


THAT MISSILE IS HEADING FOR EARTH, MY HOME! I'LL NEVER FORGET THE GIRL INSIDE! IT WAS BECAUSE OF HER THAT I'M FREE NOW!
"ARRIVING ON EARTH I JOINED A HERD OF WILD HORSES. WITH MY TELEPATHIC VISION I WATCHED MY LITTLE FRIEND BEGIN HER CAREER AS SUPERGIRL."
SUPERGIRL IS DEVOTING HER LIFE TO HELPING OTHERS! PERHAPS SOME DAY I WILL BE ABLE TO TEAM UP WITH HER ON VITAL MISSIONS!
"LIKE SUPERGIRL, I HID MY SECRET IDENTITY! WHEN THE HORSE HERD I JOINED WITH WAS CAPTURED, I LET THEM CAPTURE ME TOO."
I COULD EASILY EVADE THOSE COWBOYS BY USING MY SUPER-POWERS, BUT THAT WOULD REVEAL TO THE WORLD THAT I AM A SUPER-HORSE! I MUST KEEP MY IDENTITY SECRET SO THAT SOME DAY I CAN USE MY SUPER-POWERS FOR GOOD THE WAY SUPERGIRL DOES!
ONCE MORE LINDA (SUPERGIRL) DANVERS INTERRUPTS COMET'S STORY...
AND NOW, COMET, SUPPOSE YOU TELL ME WHY YOU BEAMED THOSE TELEPATHIC DREAMS TO ME... I MEAN THAT WEIRD SERIES OF NIGHTMARES IN WHICH YOU AND I PERFORMED IMAGINARY SUPER-DEEDS TOGETHER?
I WAS TRYING TO CONTACT YOU TELEPATHICALLY! I WISHED TO ALERT YOU TO A SERIOUS EMERGENCY THAT IMPERILS THE EARTH!
BUT JUST THEN...
I MUST DELAY THE REST OF THE STORY UNTIL LATER! SOMEONE IS COMING!
IT'S MOTHER AND DAD! THEY'RE VACATIONING HERE AT THE DUDE RANCH WITH ME! THEY KNOW I'M SUPERGIRL, BUT I WON'T TELL THEM ANYTHING ABOUT YOU... NOT YET!
SO THERE YOU ARE, LINDA! MR. GREEDE ASKED US TO FIND YOU AND COMET! THE RODEO IS ABOUT TO BEGIN!
WE'RE COMING RIGHT NOW, FATHER!
GOLLY! WHAT A TIME TO BE INTERRUPTED! JUST WHEN I WAS ABOUT TO HEAR THE REST OF COMET'S STORY!


SOON, AT THE RANCH RODEO, AS STARTLED ONLOOKERS WATCH...
AND LINDA LEE DANVERS, RIDING COMET, WINS THE BARREL JUMP WITH A LEAP OF 12 BARRELS!
;CHUCKLE!! THEY DON'T KNOW IT, BUT COMET COULD LEAP ACROSS THE ROCKIES WITH ONE JUMP!
RODEO
THEN, AT THE OBEDIENCE CONTEST...
JEHOSHAPHAT! SHE'S GOT THAT CRAZY CRITTER, COMET, EATING OUT OF HER HAND! LOOK! HE'S BOWING LIKE A DUDE!
GREAT WORK, COMET! GREEDE DOESN'T KNOW IT, BUT YOU'RE FOLLOWING MY EVERY COMMAND BY MEANS OF TELEPATHY!
SUDDENLY, IN THE MIDST OF THE CONTEST, COMET TAKES OFF...
EEEEE! COMET'S RUNNING AWAY! HE'S GONE LOCO!
NO NEED TO WORRY, MY DEAR! WE KNOW THAT HORSE CAN'T POSSIBLY HARM OUR LINDA! SHE'LL BRING HIM BACK SAFELY!
RODEO
MOMENTS LATER, AS LINDA AND COMET PAUSE IN THE SHELTER OF A NEARBY MESA...
I GOT YOUR TELEPATHIC WARNING, COMET, AND MY TELESCOPIC VISION CONFIRMED IT! AN ALIEN SPACESHIP IS ATTACKING THE PACIFIC WORLD'S FAIR! WE'LL HAVE TO GO INTO ACTION AT ONCE!
SWIFTLY CHANGING TO HER SUPERGIRL COSTUME, AND ALSO SUPPLYING ONE FOR COMET...
HURRY, COMET! THOSE ALIENS ARE USING BOLTS OF PURE ENERGY TO SHATTER EVERY STRUCTURE IN THEIR PATH! WE'D BETTER MOVE FAST BEFORE THEY DESTROY THE ENTIRE FAIR!
WHINNNEEE
HOW CAN THEY GENERATE THE ENORMOUS POWER FOR SUCH FANTASTIC WEAPONS? ULP! MY X-RAY VISION CAN'T BREAK THROUGH THAT SPACE-SPHERE! IT MUST BE LINED WITH LEAD!
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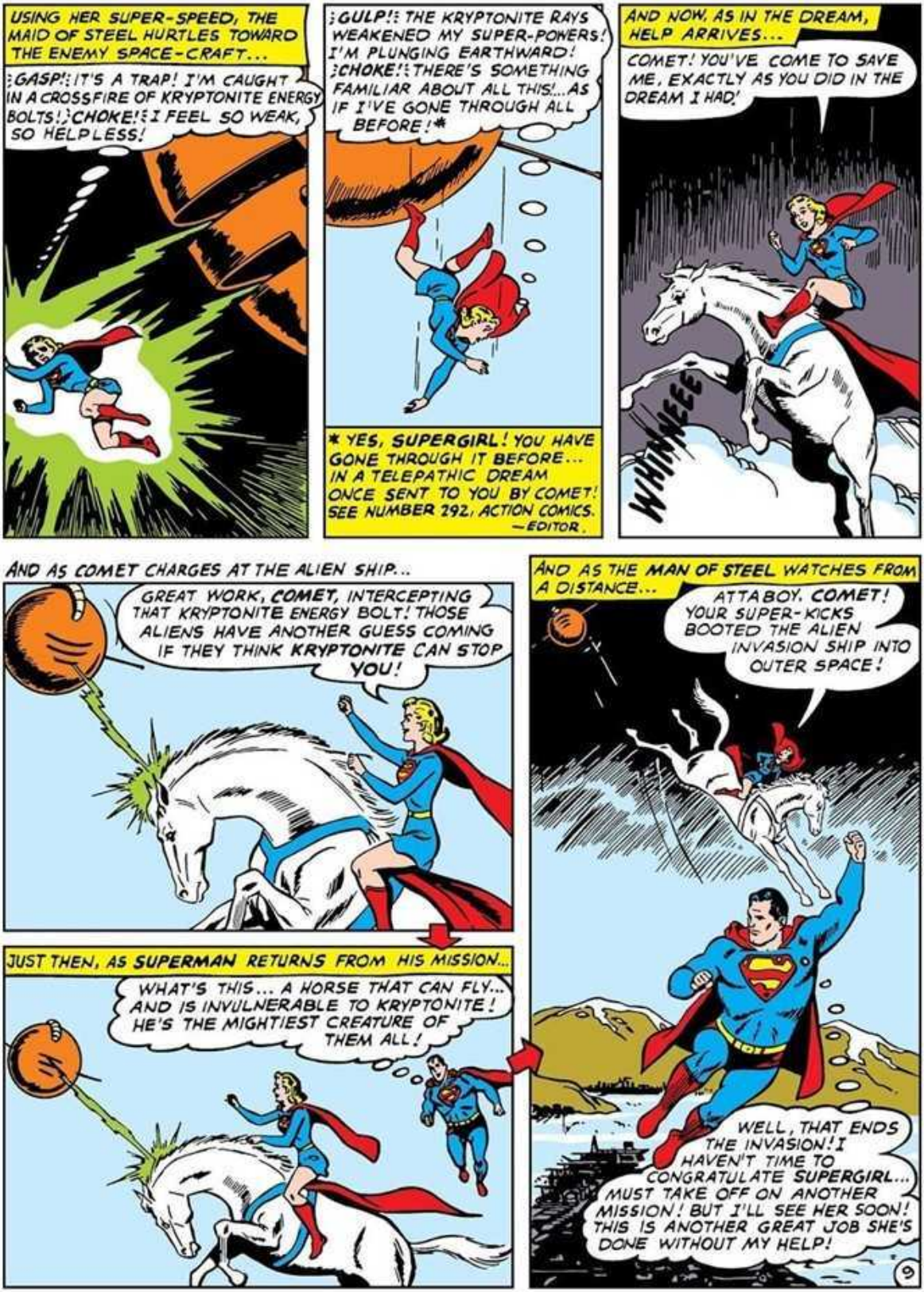
USING HER SUPER-SPEED, THE MAID OF STEEL HURTLES TOWARD THE ENEMY SPACE-CRAFT...
;GASP!; IT'S A TRAP! I'M CAUGHT IN A CROSSFIRE OF KRYPTONITE ENERGY BOLTS! ;CHOKE!; I FEEL SO WEAK, SO HELPLESS!
;GULP!; THE KRYPTONITE RAYS WEAKENED MY SUPER-POWERS! I'M PLUNGING EARTHWARD! ;CHOKE!; THERE'S SOMETHING FAMILIAR ABOUT ALL THIS!... AS IF I'VE GONE THROUGH ALL BEFORE!*
* YES, SUPERGIRL! YOU HAVE GONE THROUGH IT BEFORE... IN A TELEPATHIC DREAM ONCE SENT TO YOU BY COMET! SEE NUMBER 292, ACTION COMICS. —EDITOR.
AND NOW, AS IN THE DREAM, HELP ARRIVES...
COMET! YOU'VE COME TO SAVE ME, EXACTLY AS YOU DID IN THE DREAM I HAD!
WHINNEE
AND AS COMET CHARGES AT THE ALIEN SHIP...
GREAT WORK, COMET, INTERCEPTING THAT KRYPTONITE ENERGY BOLT! THOSE ALIENS HAVE ANOTHER GUESS COMING IF THEY THINK KRYPTONITE CAN STOP YOU!
JUST THEN, AS SUPERMAN RETURNS FROM HIS MISSION...
WHAT'S THIS... A HORSE THAT CAN FLY... AND IS INVULNERABLE TO KRYPTONITE! HE'S THE MIGHTIEST CREATURE OF THEM ALL!
AND AS THE MAN OF STEEL WATCHES FROM A DISTANCE...
ATTABOY, COMET! YOUR SUPER-KICKS BOOTED THE ALIEN INVASION SHIP INTO OUTER SPACE!
WELL, THAT ENDS THE INVASION! I HAVEN'T TIME TO CONGRATULATE SUPERGIRL... MUST TAKE OFF ON ANOTHER MISSION! BUT I'LL SEE HER SOON! THIS IS ANOTHER GREAT JOB SHE'S DONE WITHOUT MY HELP!
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WITH THE ENEMY FLEET IN RETREAT, SUPERGIRL AND HER SUPER-STEED REPAIR THE DAMAGE TO THE WORLD'S FAIR...
LOOK, DADDY! THAT FLYING HORSE STRAIGHTENED UP THAT BENT STEEL TOWER!
GASP! WHAT ENORMOUS STRENGTH! HE MUST BE A SUPER-HORSE!
AND AS SUPERGIRL AND HER SUPER-COMPANION USE THEIR HEAT VISION TO WELD THE SHATTERED BEAMS...
WOW! WHAT AN AMAZING STUNT! SUPERGIRL AND HER SUPER-HORSE ARE THE HIT OF THE WORLD'S FAIR!
HURRAY!
AFTERWARD, AS SUPERGIRL AND COMET SPEED BACK TOWARD THE SUPERGIRL RANCH...
COMET, THOSE TELEPATHIC DREAMS YOU SENT ME ONCE PREDICTED THIS ALIEN ATTACK EXACTLY! EXCEPT THAT IN MY DREAM THE ATTACK WAS AGAINST METROPOLIS, BY AN ENTIRE FLEET!
CORRECT! WITH MY TELEPATHIC POWERS, I WAS ABLE TO TUNE IN ON THE ALIENS PLANNING CONQUEST! I DECIDED TO WARN YOU OF THE COMING EMERGENCY BY PROJECTING TELEPATHIC DREAMS TO YOU! THE SHIP WE FOUGHT MUST HAVE BEEN THEIR ADVANCE SCOUT!
THOSE DREAMS ALERTED YOU AND BROUGHT YOU OUT HERE WHERE WE COULD MEET AND FACE THE ALIENS TOGETHER! I GUESS NOW THEY'LL BE AFRAID TO SEND THE REST OF THEIR FLEET!
THEY WOULD HAVE DESTROYED ME WITH THEIR KRYPTONITE-RAY IF YOU HADN'T SAVED ME! SINCE YOU ARE NOT FROM KRYPTON, THOSE RAYS CANNOT HARM YOU!
AS SUPERGIRL CHANGES TO HER IDENTITY OF LINDA LEE DANVERS...
COMET, YOU DON'T KNOW HOW GRATEFUL I AM! ASK ANY REWARD YOU LIKE! I'LL DO ANYTHING IN MY POWER TO GRANT YOUR WISH!
CHOKE! MY WISH IS STILL THE SAME ONE I MADE TO CIRCE! THAT YOU FIND SOME WAY TO CHANGE ME INTO A HUMAN!
BUT COMET, NOT EVEN MY SUPER-POWERS CAN BREAK A MAGIC SPELL! OH, IF THERE WERE ONLY SOME OTHER WAY TO HELP YOU!
THERE IS A WAY, SUPERGIRL! BUT I CANNOT TELL YOU NOW! THE TIME IS NOT RIPE!
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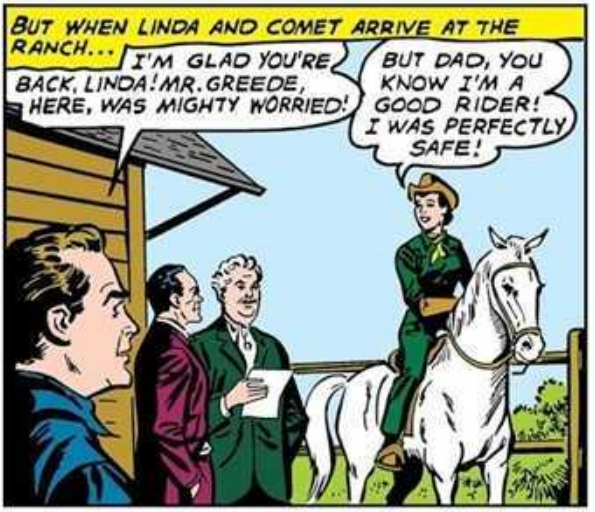
AS LINDA AND HER NEW-FOUND SUPER-FRIEND RETURN TO THE RANCH...
BUT WE MUST STAY TOGETHER UNTIL I CAN FIND SOME WAY TO TURN YOU INTO A HUMAN! I'LL ASK MY FOSTER PARENTS TO BUY YOU FROM MR. GREEDE, THE RANCH OWNER!
AN EXCELLENT IDEA, SUPERGIRL! THEN WE COULD PERFORM OUR SUPER-DEEDS TOGETHER!
SUPERGIRL DUDE RANCH


BUT WHEN LINDA AND COMET ARRIVE AT THE RANCH...
I'M GLAD YOU'RE BACK, LINDA! MR. GREEDE, HERE, WAS MIGHTY WORRIED!
BUT DAD, YOU KNOW I'M A GOOD RIDER! I WAS PERFECTLY SAFE!

IT WAS COMET I WAS WORRIED ABOUT! I JUST SOLD HIM FOR A THOUSAND DOLLARS... TO THIS ANIMAL TRAINER FROM HOLLYWOOD!
MATT CARVER'S THE NAME, MISS! I SAW THAT HORSE AT THE RODEO! HE'S BRILLIANT! IF I TRAIN HIM RIGHT HE'LL MAKE A MILLION DOLLARS IN THE MOVIES!

AS COMET IS LED AWAY, LINDA WATCHES, BROKEN-HEARTED...
COMET! DON'T RESIST! DON'T USE YOUR SUPER-POWERS TO BREAK LOOSE! YOU MUST GO WITH MR. CARVER AND KEEP YOUR IDENTITY AS A SUPER-HORSE A SECRET!
I WILL OBEY YOU, SUPERGIRL, BUT SOMEHOW I WILL FIND A WAY TO REACH YOU! THERE ARE IMPORTANT NEW MISSIONS WAITING FOR US! NO ONE CAN KEEP US APART!
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WILL SUPERGIRL BE RE-UNITED WITH COMET AGAIN? SEE THE NEXT ISSUE FOR ANOTHER STORY OF THE SUPER-STALLION!
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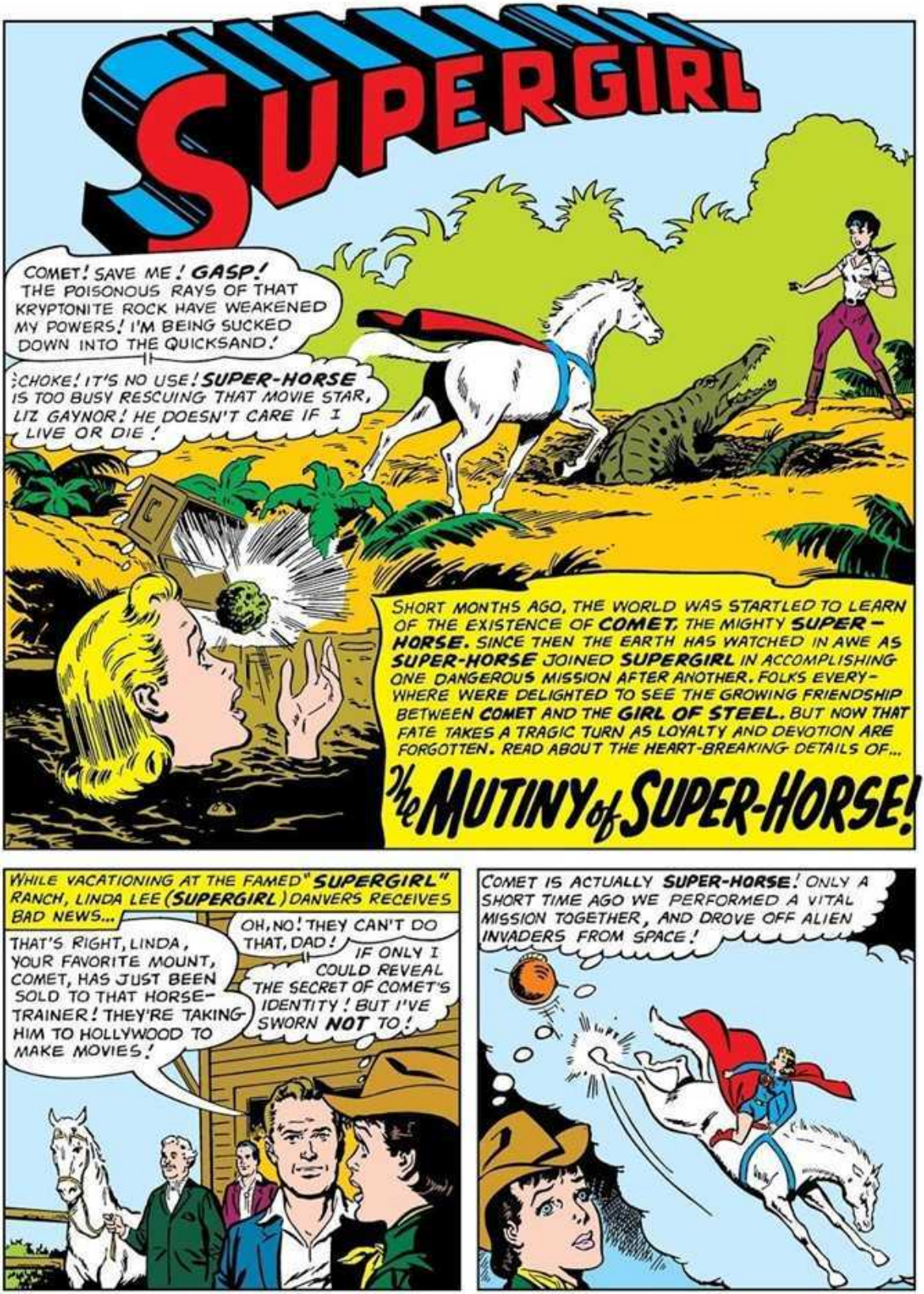
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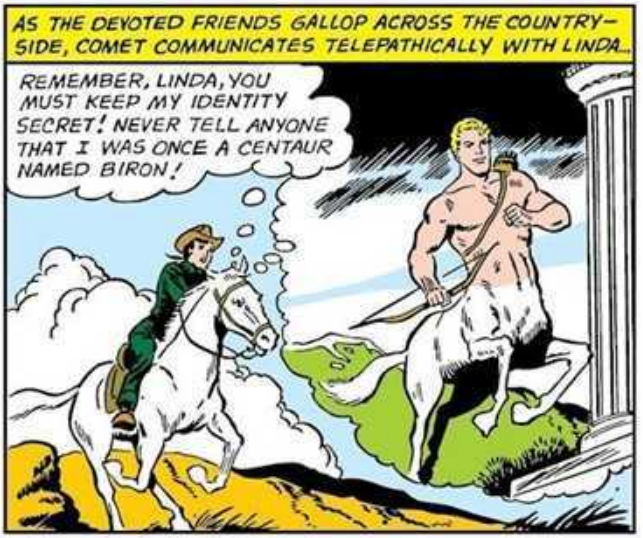
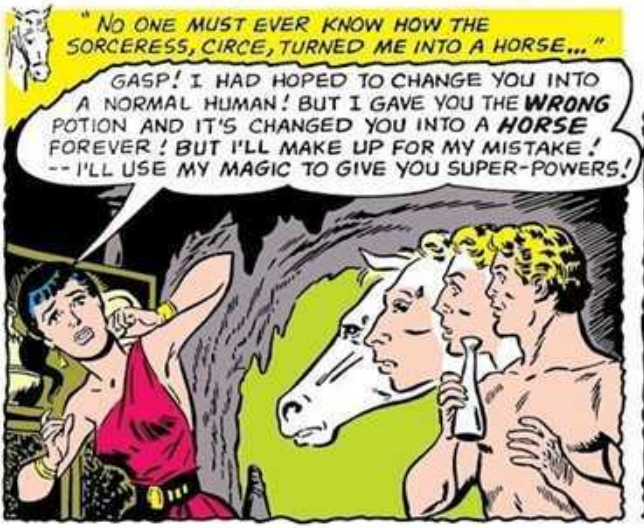
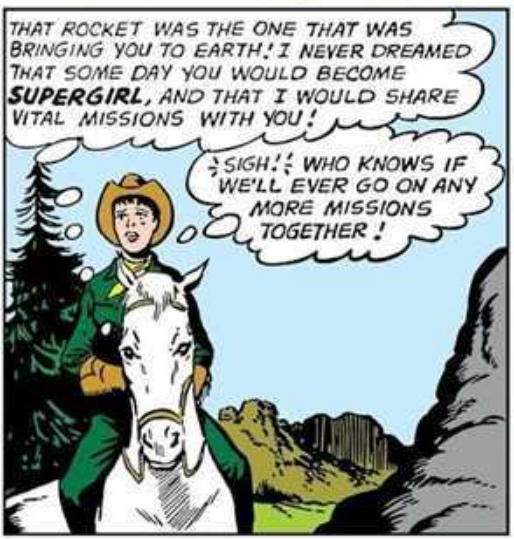
COMET! SAVE ME! GASP! THE POISONOUS RAYS OF THAT KRYPTONITE ROCK HAVE WEAKENED MY POWERS! I'M BEING SUCKED DOWN INTO THE QUICKSAND!
CHOKE! IT'S NO USE! SUPER-HORSE IS TOO BUSY RESCUING THAT MOVIE STAR, LIZ GAYNOR! HE DOESN'T CARE IF I LIVE OR DIE!
SHORT MONTHS AGO, THE WORLD WAS STARTLED TO LEARN OF THE EXISTENCE OF COMET, THE MIGHTY SUPER-HORSE. SINCE THEN THE EARTH HAS WATCHED IN AWE AS SUPER-HORSE JOINED SUPERGIRL IN ACCOMPLISHING ONE DANGEROUS MISSION AFTER ANOTHER. FOLKS EVERYWHERE WERE DELIGHTED TO SEE THE GROWING FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN COMET AND THE GIRL OF STEEL. BUT NOW THAT FATE TAKES A TRAGIC TURN AS LOYALTY AND DEVOTION ARE FORGOTTEN. READ ABOUT THE HEART-BREAKING DETAILS OF...
The MUTINY of SUPER-HORSE!
WHILE VACATIONING AT THE FAMED "SUPERGIRL" RANCH, LINDA LEE (SUPERGIRL) DANVERS RECEIVES BAD NEWS...
THAT'S RIGHT, LINDA, YOUR FAVORITE MOUNT, COMET, HAS JUST BEEN SOLD TO THAT HORSE-TRAINER! THEY'RE TAKING HIM TO HOLLYWOOD TO MAKE MOVIES!
OH, NO! THEY CAN'T DO THAT, DAD! IF ONLY I COULD REVEAL THE SECRET OF COMET'S IDENTITY! BUT I'VE SWORN NOT TO!
COMET IS ACTUALLY SUPER-HORSE! ONLY A SHORT TIME AGO WE PERFORMED A VITAL MISSION TOGETHER, AND DROVE OFF ALIEN INVADERS FROM SPACE!

AS THE HOLLYWOOD TRAINER PREPARES TO TAKE COMET AWAY...
PLEASE, SIR! COMET AND I ARE OLD FRIENDS! COULD I TAKE ONE LAST RIDE ON HIM ?
WHY, OF COURSE, LITTLE LADY! I'M GLAD TO OBLIGE!


AS THE DEVOTED FRIENDS GALLOP ACROSS THE COUNTRY-SIDE, COMET COMMUNICATES TELEPATHICALLY WITH LINDA...
REMEMBER, LINDA, YOU MUST KEEP MY IDENTITY SECRET! NEVER TELL ANYONE THAT I WAS ONCE A CENTAUR NAMED BIRON!

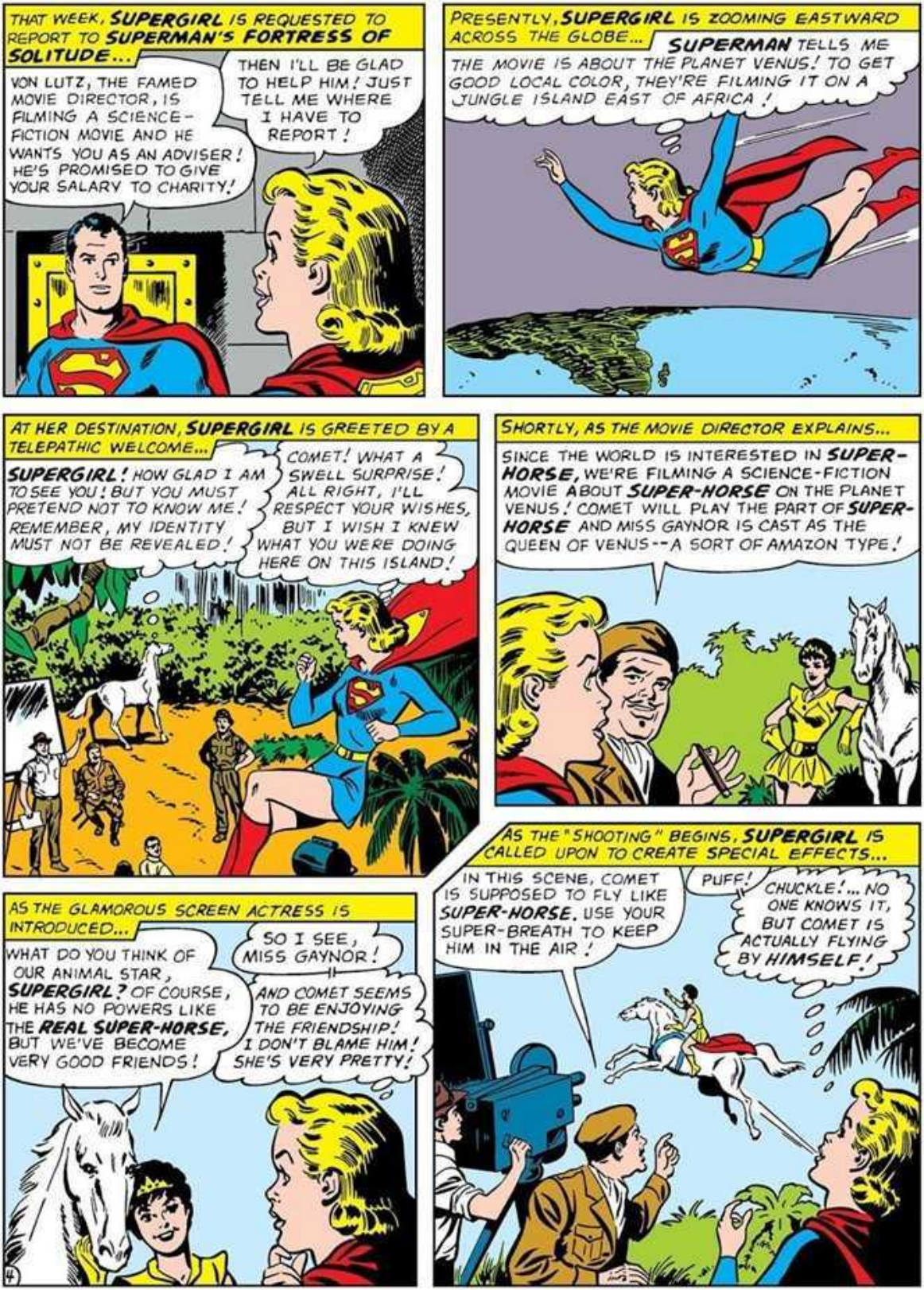

" NO ONE MUST EVER KNOW HOW THE SORCERESS, CIRCE, TURNED ME INTO A HORSE... "
GASP! I HAD HOPED TO CHANGE YOU INTO A NORMAL HUMAN! BUT I GAVE YOU THE WRONG POTION AND IT'S CHANGED YOU INTO A HORSE FOREVER! BUT I'LL MAKE UP FOR MY MISTAKE! -- I'LL USE MY MAGIC TO GIVE YOU SUPER-POWERS!

"IT WAS MALDOR, CIRCE'S RIVAL MAGICIAN, WHOSE MAGIC SPELL EXILED ME IN THE SAGITTARIUS CONSTELLATION UNTIL...
THE FORCE OF THE REPELLER RAYS FROM THAT ROCKET SHATTERED THE MAGIC AURA THAT IMPRISONED ME! I'M FREE! FREE!


THAT ROCKET WAS THE ONE THAT WAS BRINGING YOU TO EARTH! I NEVER DREAMED THAT SOME DAY YOU WOULD BECOME SUPERGIRL, AND THAT I WOULD SHARE VITAL MISSIONS WITH YOU!
SIGH! WHO KNOWS IF WE'LL EVER GO ON ANY MORE MISSIONS TOGETHER!

SUDDENLY, SUPER-HORSE'S TELESCOPIC VISION REVEALS DANGER AHEAD...
SUPERGIRL! A CABLE-CAR HAS BROKEN LOOSE AT RAINBOW CANYON! MANY PASSENGERS MAY LOSE THEIR LIVES!

AT LIGHTNING SPEED, LINDA AND COMET CHANGE TO SUPERGIRL AND SUPER-HORSE AND STREAK TO THE RESCUE...
GRAB THE OTHER END OF THE CABLE, COMET, AND HELP ME CARRY THE CAR BACK TO THE TOP OF THE CANYON!
I UNDERSTAND, SUPERGIRL!
IT'S SUPER-HORSE AND SUPERGIRL! WHEW! WHAT A CLOSE CALL!
SOON, SUPERGIRL'S HEAT VISION WELDS THE BROKEN CABLE...
HOLD THE CABLE TIGHT, COMET! I'LL REPAIR THE OTHER END IN JUST A MOMENT!
TAKE YOUR TIME, SUPERGIRL! SUPPORTING THAT CAR IS CHILD'S PLAY TO ME!
PRESENTLY, AS THE RESCUE IS COMPLETED...
THEY DID IT! THEY SAVED US FROM CERTAIN DEATH! HOORAY FOR SUPERGIRL AND SUPER-HORSE!
WITH THE MISSION ACCOMPLISHED, SUPERGIRL AND SUPER-HORSE RESUME THEIR EVERYDAY IDENTITIES FOR A SAD FAREWELL...
I KNOW IT'S ALL FOR THE BEST, DEAR! OUR VACATION IS OVER! WE'VE GOT TO RETURN TO MIDVALE! YOU'D HAVE TO SAY GOODBYE TO COMET ANYHOW!
I KNOW, MOTHER!
SO LONG, COMET, OLD FRIEND! HERE'S HOPING WE MEET AGAIN!
IN THE WEEKS THAT FOLLOW, LINDA KEEPS TRACK OF COMET'S HOLLYWOOD CAREER...
GOSH, HOW I ENVY LIZ GAYNOR! NOT BECAUSE SHE'S HOLLYWOOD'S MOST BEAUTIFUL SCREEN GODDESS, BUT BECAUSE SHE'LL BE WORKING WITH COMET! SIGH!
PASTE
COMET
COMET, NEW WONDER HORSE, TO CO-STAR WITH LIZ GAYNOR


THAT WEEK, SUPERGIRL IS REQUESTED TO REPORT TO SUPERMAN'S FORTRESS OF SOLITUDE...
VON LUTZ, THE FAMED MOVIE DIRECTOR, IS FILMING A SCIENCE-FICTION MOVIE AND HE WANTS YOU AS AN ADVISER! HE'S PROMISED TO GIVE YOUR SALARY TO CHARITY!
THEN I'LL BE GLAD TO HELP HIM! JUST TELL ME WHERE I HAVE TO REPORT!
PRESENTLY, SUPERGIRL IS ZOOMING EASTWARD ACROSS THE GLOBE...
SUPERMAN TELLS ME THE MOVIE IS ABOUT THE PLANET VENUS! TO GET GOOD LOCAL COLOR, THEY'RE FILMING IT ON A JUNGLE ISLAND EAST OF AFRICA!
AT HER DESTINATION, SUPERGIRL IS GREETED BY A TELEPATHIC WELCOME...
SUPERGIRL! HOW GLAD I AM TO SEE YOU! BUT YOU MUST PRETEND NOT TO KNOW ME! REMEMBER, MY IDENTITY MUST NOT BE REVEALED!
COMET! WHAT A SWELL SURPRISE! ALL RIGHT, I'LL RESPECT YOUR WISHES, BUT I WISH I KNEW WHAT YOU WERE DOING HERE ON THIS ISLAND!
SHORTLY, AS THE MOVIE DIRECTOR EXPLAINS...
SINCE THE WORLD IS INTERESTED IN SUPER-HORSE, WE'RE FILMING A SCIENCE-FICTION MOVIE ABOUT SUPER-HORSE ON THE PLANET VENUS! COMET WILL PLAY THE PART OF SUPER-HORSE AND MISS GAYNOR IS CAST AS THE QUEEN OF VENUS--A SORT OF AMAZON TYPE!
AS THE GLAMOROUS SCREEN ACTRESS IS INTRODUCED...
WHAT DO YOU THINK OF OUR ANIMAL STAR, SUPERGIRL? OF COURSE, HE HAS NO POWERS LIKE THE REAL SUPER-HORSE, BUT WE'VE BECOME VERY GOOD FRIENDS!
SO I SEE, MISS GAYNOR!
AND COMET SEEMS TO BE ENJOYING THE FRIENDSHIP! I DON'T BLAME HIM! SHE'S VERY PRETTY!
AS THE "SHOOTING" BEGINS, SUPERGIRL IS CALLED UPON TO CREATE SPECIAL EFFECTS...
IN THIS SCENE, COMET IS SUPPOSED TO FLY LIKE SUPER-HORSE. USE YOUR SUPER-BREATH TO KEEP HIM IN THE AIR!
PUFF!
CHUCKLE!... NO ONE KNOWS IT, BUT COMET IS ACTUALLY FLYING BY HIMSELF!
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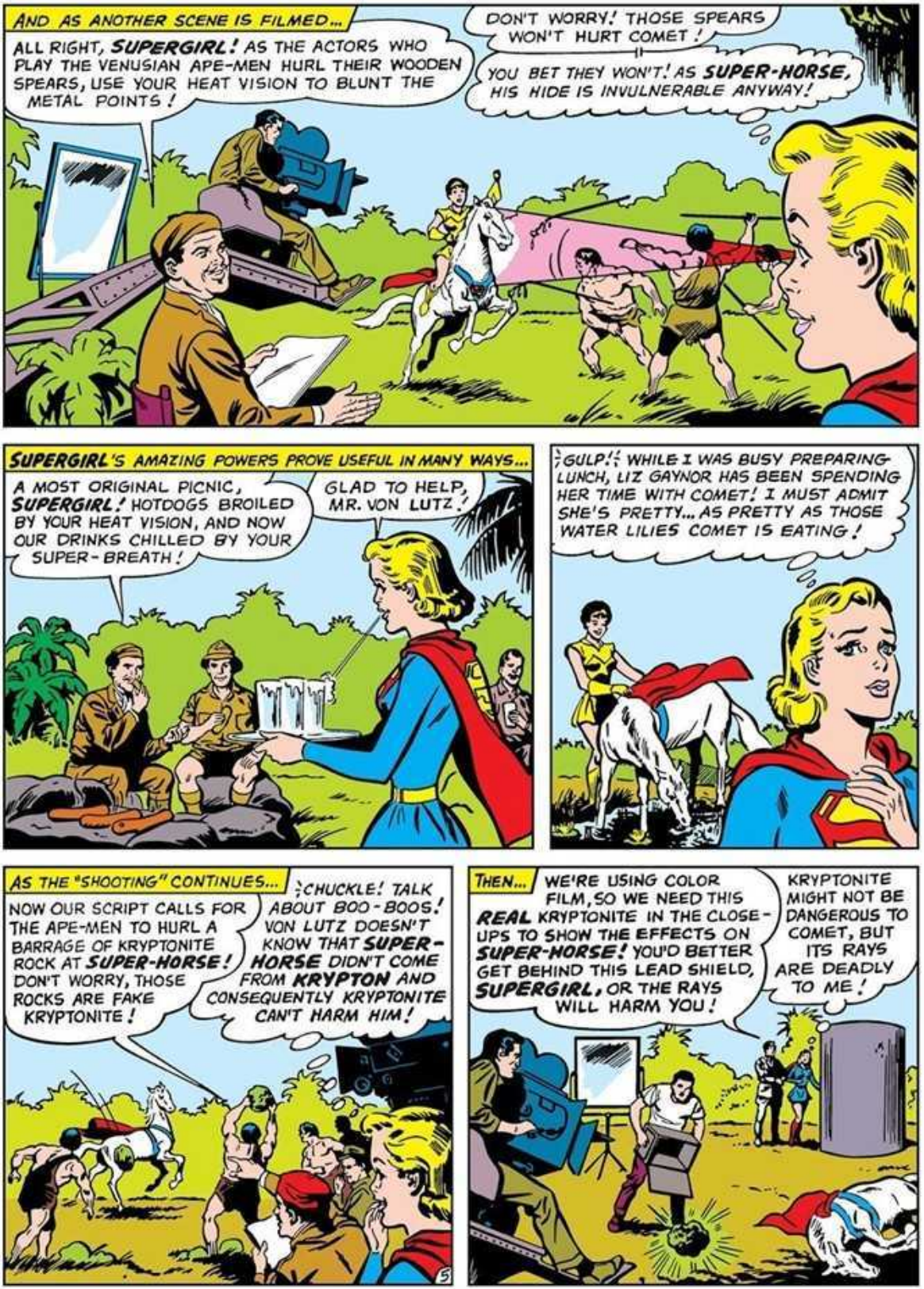
AND AS ANOTHER SCENE IS FILMED...
ALL RIGHT, SUPERGIRL! AS THE ACTORS WHO PLAY THE VENUSIAN APE-MEN HURL THEIR WOODEN SPEARS, USE YOUR HEAT VISION TO BLUNT THE METAL POINTS!
DON'T WORRY! THOSE SPEARS WON'T HURT COMET!
YOU BET THEY WON'T! AS SUPER-HORSE, HIS HIDE IS INVULNERABLE ANYWAY!
SUPERGIRL'S AMAZING POWERS PROVE USEFUL IN MANY WAYS...
A MOST ORIGINAL PICNIC, SUPERGIRL! HOTDOGS BROILED BY YOUR HEAT VISION, AND NOW OUR DRINKS CHILLED BY YOUR SUPER-BREATH!
GLAD TO HELP, MR. VON LUTZ!
;GULP!; WHILE I WAS BUSY PREPARING LUNCH, LIZ GAYNOR HAS BEEN SPENDING HER TIME WITH COMET! I MUST ADMIT SHE'S PRETTY... AS PRETTY AS THOSE WATER LILIES COMET IS EATING!
AS THE "SHOOTING" CONTINUES...
NOW OUR SCRIPT CALLS FOR THE APE-MEN TO HURL A BARRAGE OF KRYPTONITE ROCK AT SUPER-HORSE! DON'T WORRY, THOSE ROCKS ARE FAKE KRYPTONITE!
;CHUCKLE! TALK ABOUT BOO-BOOS! VON LUTZ DOESN'T KNOW THAT SUPER-HORSE DIDN'T COME FROM KRYPTON AND CONSEQUENTLY KRYPTONITE CAN'T HARM HIM!
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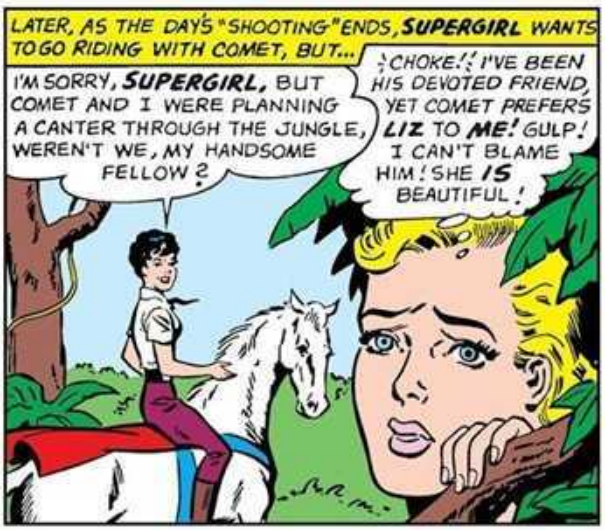
THEN...
WE'RE USING COLOR FILM, SO WE NEED THIS REAL KRYPTONITE IN THE CLOSE-UPS TO SHOW THE EFFECTS ON SUPER-HORSE! YOU'D BETTER GET BEHIND THIS LEAD SHIELD, SUPERGIRL, OR THE RAYS WILL HARM YOU!
KRYPTONITE MIGHT NOT BE DANGEROUS TO COMET, BUT ITS RAYS ARE DEADLY TO ME!

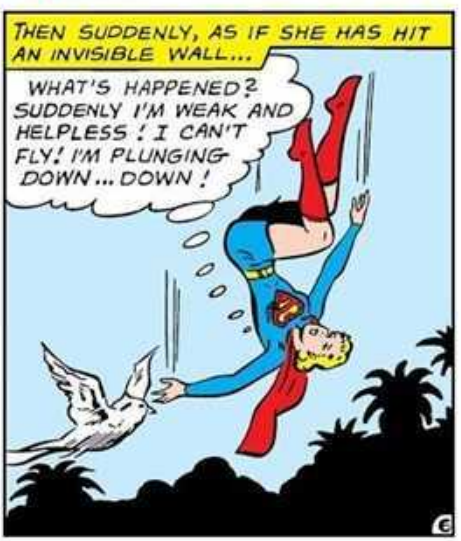
AFTER THE "CLOSE UP" IS TAKEN...
I'VE HAD THAT KRYPTONITE BOULDER EVER SINCE I MADE A SCIENCE-FICTION MOVIE YEARS AGO! BUT SINCE IT'S DANGEROUS TO YOU, I'VE ORDERED IT DROPPED IN QUICKSAND IN THE JUNGLE!
THANKS!

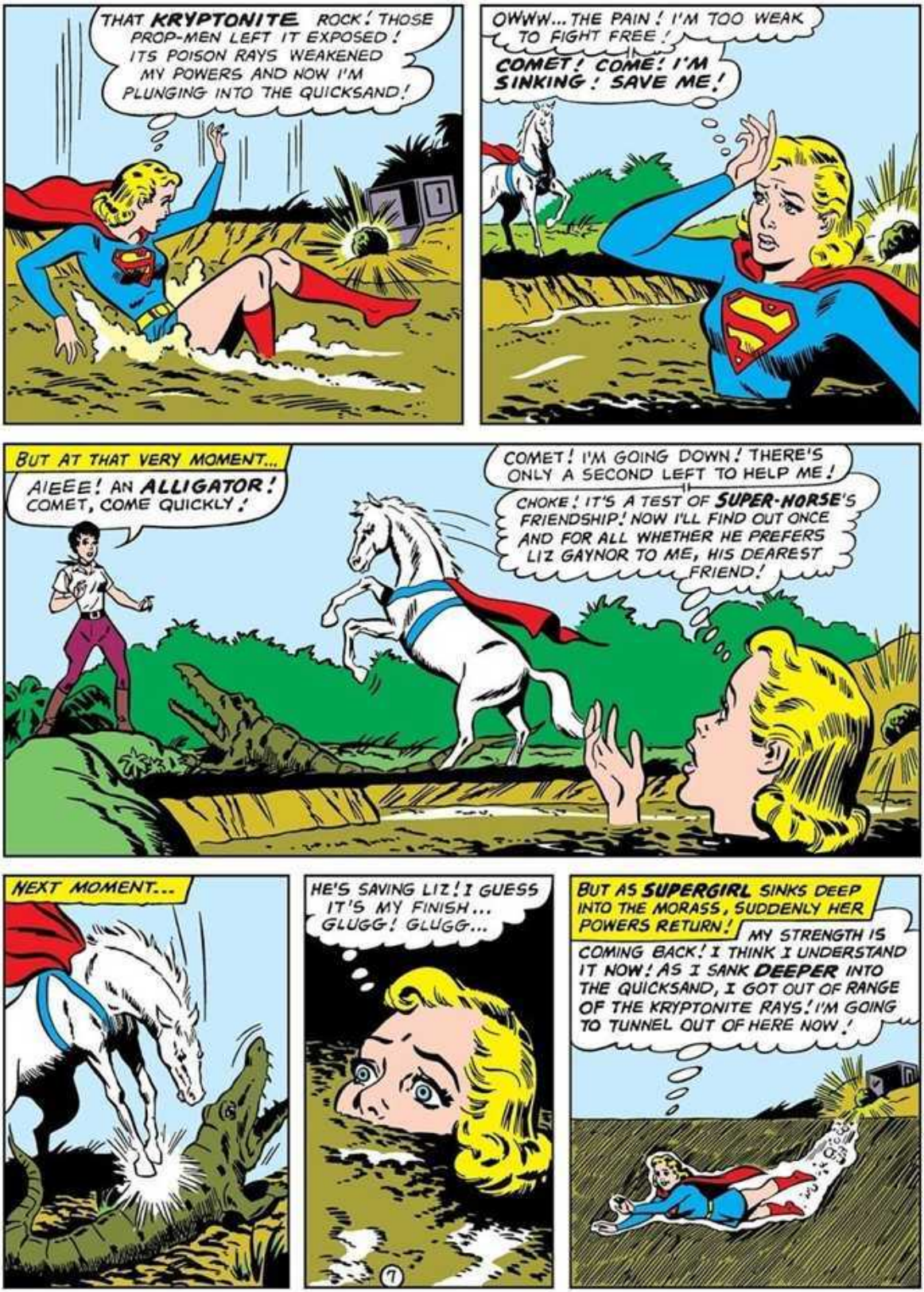
BUT AT THE EDGE OF THE QUICKSAND...
WE DON'T WANT TO GET TOO CLOSE TO THE QUICKSAND! BETTER DUMP THAT LEAD BOX HERE!
A GOOD IDEA... ULP! THE KRYPTONITE TUMBLED OUT OF THE LEAD BOX, BUT IT DOESN'T MATTER! SUPERGIRL WILL NEVER COME NEAR THIS SPOT ANYWAY!


LATER, AS THE DAY'S "SHOOTING" ENDS, SUPERGIRL WANTS TO GO RIDING WITH COMET, BUT...
I'M SORRY, SUPERGIRL, BUT COMET AND I WERE PLANNING A CANTER THROUGH THE JUNGLE, WEREN'T WE, MY HANDSOME FELLOW?
CHOKE!! I'VE BEEN HIS DEVOTED FRIEND, YET COMET PREFERS LIZ TO ME! GULP! I CAN'T BLAME HIM! SHE IS BEAUTIFUL!

BUT MOMENTS AFTERWARD...
HOLD EVERYTHING! LIZ AND COMET WERE HEADING DOWN THE SAME TRAIL WHERE THOSE PROP-MEN TOOK THAT LEAD BOX WITH KRYPTONITE! ULP! SOMEWHERE ALONG THE TRAIL THERE'S A POOL OF DEADLY QUICKSAND!

STREAKING OVER THE SWAMP, SUPERGIRL HURRIES TO PREVENT DISASTER...
THERE THEY ARE NOW! LIZ HAS DISMOUNTED AND IS ABOUT TO PICK THAT ORCHID IN THE SWAMP!


THEN SUDDENLY, AS IF SHE HAS HIT AN INVISIBLE WALL...
WHAT'S HAPPENED? SUDDENLY I'M WEAK AND HELPLESS! I CAN'T FLY! I'M PLUNGING DOWN... DOWN!


THAT KRYPTONITE ROCK! THOSE PROP-MEN LEFT IT EXPOSED! ITS POISON RAYS WEAKENED MY POWERS AND NOW I'M PLUNGING INTO THE QUICKSAND!
OWWW... THE PAIN! I'M TOO WEAK TO FIGHT FREE!
COMET! COME! I'M SINKING! SAVE ME!
BUT AT THAT VERY MOMENT...
AIEEE! AN ALLIGATOR! COMET, COME QUICKLY!
COMET! I'M GOING DOWN! THERE'S ONLY A SECOND LEFT TO HELP ME!
CHOKE! IT'S A TEST OF SUPER-HORSE'S FRIENDSHIP! NOW I'LL FIND OUT ONCE AND FOR ALL WHETHER HE PREFERS LIZ GAYNOR TO ME, HIS DEAREST FRIEND!
NEXT MOMENT...
HE'S SAVING LIZ! I GUESS IT'S MY FINISH... GLUGG! GLUGG...
BUT AS SUPERGIRL SINKS DEEP INTO THE MORASS, SUDDENLY HER POWERS RETURN!
MY STRENGTH IS COMING BACK! I THINK I UNDERSTAND IT NOW! AS I SANK DEEPER INTO THE QUICKSAND, I GOT OUT OF RANGE OF THE KRYPTONITE RAYS! I'M GOING TO TUNNEL OUT OF HERE NOW!

LATER, HER POWERS RESTORED TO NORMAL, SUPERGIRL RETURNS TO CAMP...
SUPERGIRL, I HOPE YOU DON'T MIND COMET RESCUING ME INSTEAD OF YOU! HE'S SO DEVOTED TO ME! BESIDES, I KNEW YOU COULD SAVE YOURSELF WITH YOUR SUPER-POWERS!
I UNDERSTAND!
SHE'S RIGHT! COMET MUST HAVE REALIZED THAT I'D BE SAFE FROM THE KRYPTONITE WHEN I SANK FAR ENOUGH! HE SAVED LIZ BECAUSE SHE SEEMED IN GREATER DANGER!
BUT WHEN SUPERGIRL AND COMET ARE ALONE...
COMET, I KNOW WHY YOU SAVED LIZ FIRST! BUT YOU SHOULD HAVE WARNED ME WITH A TELEPATHIC MESSAGE!
STRANGE! HE ISN'T COMMUNICATING WITH ME TELEPATHICALLY NOW, EITHER! I WONDER IF HE'S ANGRY WITH ME FOR SOME REASON!
STOP BEING SO GROUCHY, SUPER-HORSE! I KNOW HOW TO CHEER YOU UP! COME ON, WE'LL GO FOR A SUPER-GALLOP!
SNORT
BUT AS THEY NEAR THE EDGE OF A CLIFF...
WHAT'S THIS? FOR SOME REASON COMET REFUSES TO FLY! I'LL JUST NUDGE HIM A BIT WITH MY SUPER-STRENGTH!
WHINNEY
GOOD GRIEF! HE'S NOT FLYING! HE'S FALLING!
WHEE
SWOOPING FROM THE SADDLE, SUPERGIRL GRABS COMET'S HARNESS, AND...
COMET! FOR SOME REASON YOU'VE LOST YOUR POWER OF FLIGHT! BUT DON'T WORRY... I'LL LOWER YOU TO THE GROUND!
WHINNEY!
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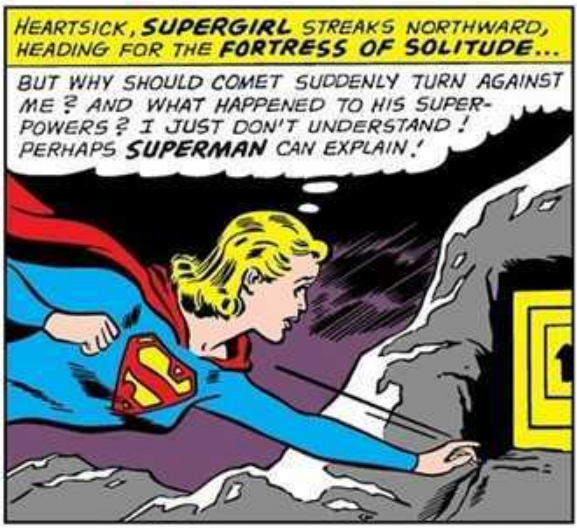
LOWERED TO SAFETY, COMET RACES OFF IN FEAR...
I DON'T GET IT! FIRST HE STOPS TALKING TO ME TELEPATHICALLY! NOW HE'S UNABLE TO FLY! GOSH! CAN IT BE THAT COMET HAS LOST HIS SUPER-POWERS? I WONDER!

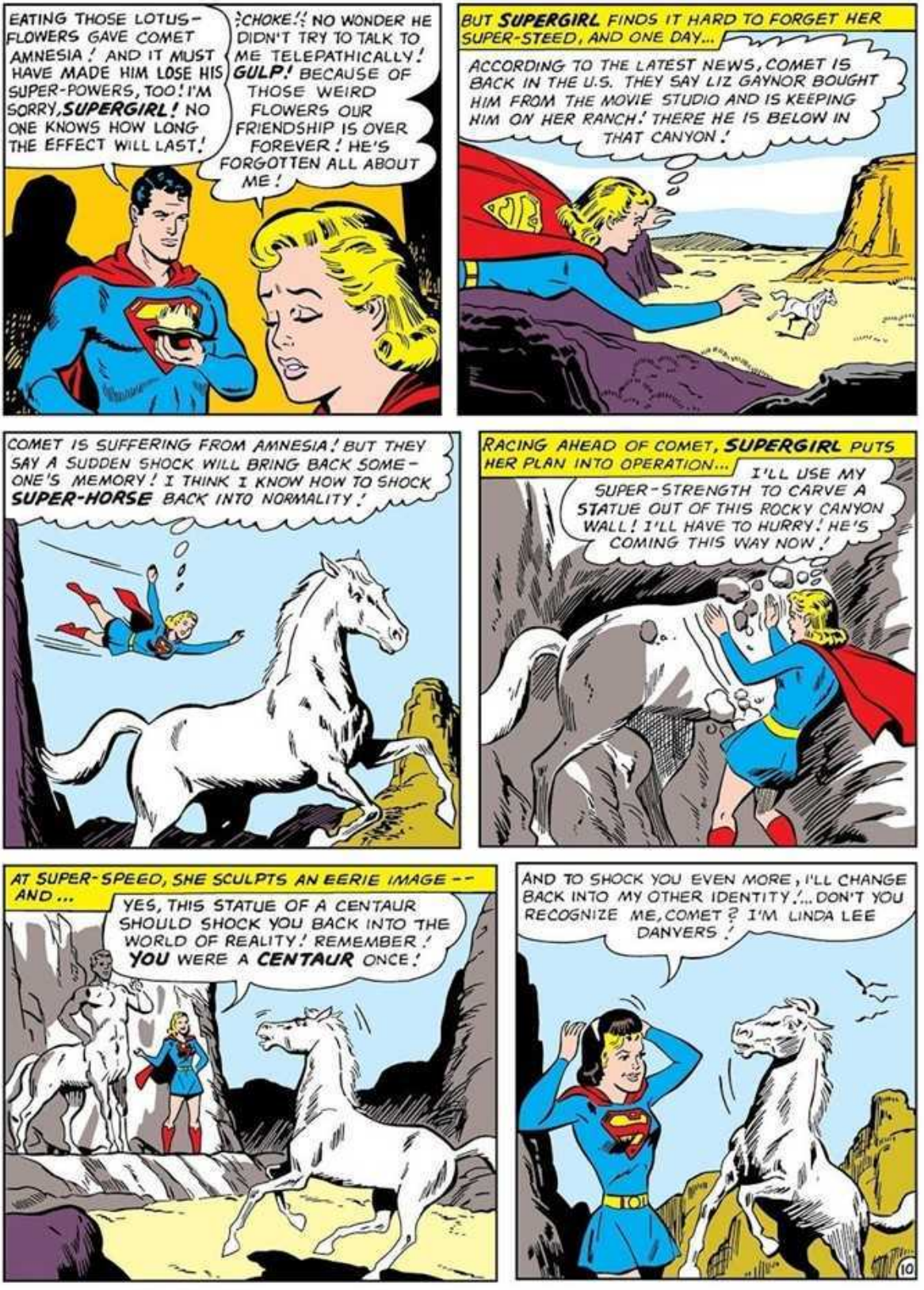
THE NEXT DAY...
THE FILMING IS ALMOST FINISHED, SUPERGIRL! YOU CAN RETURN TO YOUR REGULAR DUTIES NOW! WE'LL SEND YOUR SALARY CHECK TO THE COMMUNITY CHEST!
GLAD TO BE OF HELP!
CHOKE! COMET IGNORED ME WHEN I TRIED TO SAY GOODBYE! I GUESS OUR FRIENDSHIP IS OVER!


HEARTSICK, SUPERGIRL STREAKS NORTHWARD, HEADING FOR THE FORTRESS OF SOLITUDE...
BUT WHY SHOULD COMET SUDDENLY TURN AGAINST ME? AND WHAT HAPPENED TO HIS SUPER-POWERS? I JUST DON'T UNDERSTAND! PERHAPS SUPERMAN CAN EXPLAIN!

LATER, AT THE FORTRESS...
NO ORDINARY FORCES COULD CAUSE COMET TO LOSE HIS SUPER-POWERS, SUPERGIRL! I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S BEHIND THIS! LET'S USE OUR TELESCOPIC VISION TO CHECK ON COMET!

AS THEIR AMAZING TELESCOPIC VISION REACHES HALF-WAY ROUND THE GLOBE TO REVEAL A STRANGE SCENE...
THERE'S SUPER-HORSE NOW! HE'S FEEDING ON THOSE WATER-LILIES! HMM! I'VE SEEN FLOWERS LIKE THAT BEFORE! I BELIEVE I HAVE ONE OF THEM IN MY COLLECTION OF WEIRD DRUGS AND POISONS!

SEARCHING IN HIS COLLECTION, SUPERMAN FINDS A SAMPLE OF THE EERIE BLOSSOM...
THAT LILY IS A RARE VARIETY OF THE LOTUS WHICH CAUSES AMNESIA WHEN EATEN! IN ANCIENT DAYS, ULYSSES' MEN VISITED THE LAND OF THE LOTUS EATERS, AND THIS FLOWER MADE THEM FORGET THEIR IDENTITY WHEN THEY ATE IT!


EATING THOSE LOTUS-FLOWERS GAVE COMET AMNESIA! AND IT MUST HAVE MADE HIM LOSE HIS SUPER-POWERS, TOO! I'M SORRY, SUPERGIRL! NO ONE KNOWS HOW LONG THE EFFECT WILL LAST!
:CHOKE!: NO WONDER HE DIDN'T TRY TO TALK TO ME TELEPATHICALLY! GULP! BECAUSE OF THOSE WEIRD FLOWERS OUR FRIENDSHIP IS OVER FOREVER! HE'S FORGOTTEN ALL ABOUT ME!
BUT SUPERGIRL FINDS IT HARD TO FORGET HER SUPER-STEED, AND ONE DAY...
ACCORDING TO THE LATEST NEWS, COMET IS BACK IN THE U.S. THEY SAY LIZ GAYNOR BOUGHT HIM FROM THE MOVIE STUDIO AND IS KEEPING HIM ON HER RANCH! THERE HE IS BELOW IN THAT CANYON!
COMET IS SUFFERING FROM AMNESIA! BUT THEY SAY A SUDDEN SHOCK WILL BRING BACK SOMEONE'S MEMORY! I THINK I KNOW HOW TO SHOCK SUPER-HORSE BACK INTO NORMALITY!
RACING AHEAD OF COMET, SUPERGIRL PUTS HER PLAN INTO OPERATION...
I'LL USE MY SUPER-STRENGTH TO CARVE A STATUE OUT OF THIS ROCKY CANYON WALL! I'LL HAVE TO HURRY! HE'S COMING THIS WAY NOW!
AT SUPER-SPEED, SHE SCULPTS AN EERIE IMAGE -- AND ...
YES, THIS STATUE OF A CENTAUR SHOULD SHOCK YOU BACK INTO THE WORLD OF REALITY! REMEMBER! YOU WERE A CENTAUR ONCE!
AND TO SHOCK YOU EVEN MORE, I'LL CHANGE BACK INTO MY OTHER IDENTITY!... DON'T YOU RECOGNIZE ME, COMET? I'M LINDA LEE DANVERS!
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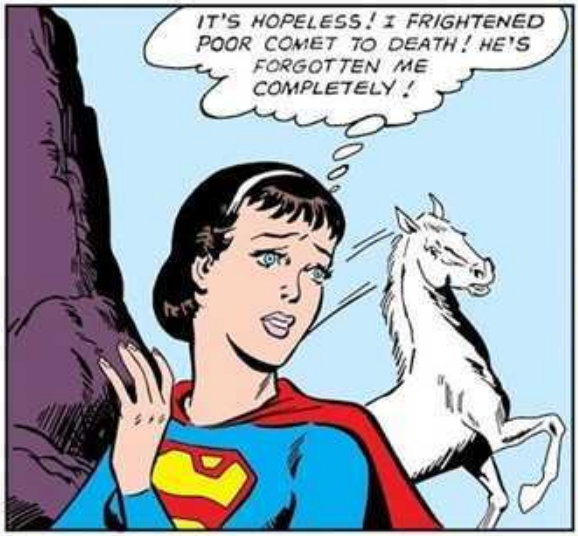
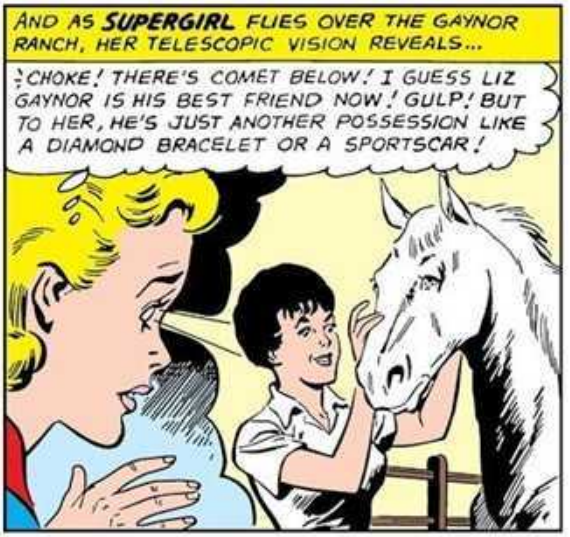
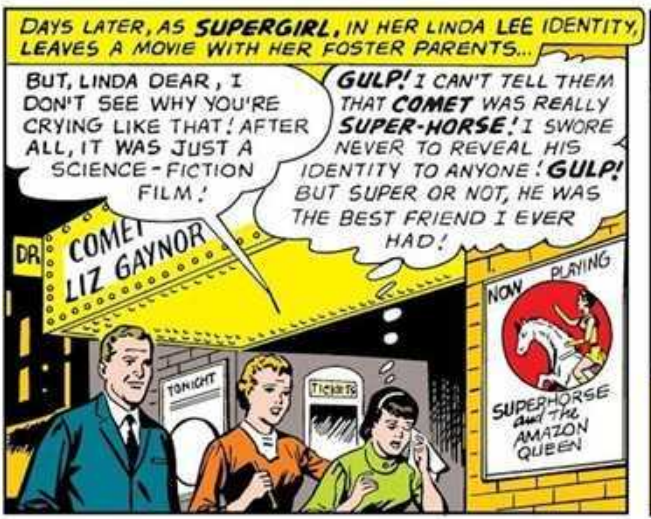

IT'S HOPELESS! I FRIGHTENED POOR COMET TO DEATH! HE'S FORGOTTEN ME COMPLETELY!


AND AS SUPERGIRL FLIES OVER THE GAYNOR RANCH, HER TELESCOPIC VISION REVEALS...
CHOKE! THERE'S COMET BELOW! I GUESS LIZ GAYNOR IS HIS BEST FRIEND NOW! GULP! BUT TO HER, HE'S JUST ANOTHER POSSESSION LIKE A DIAMOND BRACELET OR A SPORTSCAR!


DAYS LATER, AS SUPERGIRL, IN HER LINDA LEE IDENTITY, LEAVES A MOVIE WITH HER FOSTER PARENTS...
BUT, LINDA DEAR, I DON'T SEE WHY YOU'RE CRYING LIKE THAT! AFTER ALL, IT WAS JUST A SCIENCE-FICTION FILM!
GULP! I CAN'T TELL THEM THAT COMET WAS REALLY SUPER-HORSE! I SWORE NEVER TO REVEAL HIS IDENTITY TO ANYONE! GULP! BUT SUPER OR NOT, HE WAS THE BEST FRIEND I EVER HAD!
DR.
COMET
LIZ GAYNOR
TONIGHT
TICKETS
NOW PLAYING
SUPERHORSE and the AMAZON QUEEN

HOLLYWOOD HAS GAINED A BRIGHT NEW STAR, BUT THE WORLD HAS LOST SUPER-HORSE! AND I'VE LOST A FRIEND!
END
IS THIS THE END OF SUPER-HORSE? WILL THE SUPER-STEED EVER RECOVER HIS FANTASTIC SUPER-POWERS? WILL HE EVER RENEW HIS FRIENDSHIP WITH SUPERGIRL? WATCH FUTURE ISSUES TO FIND OUT!
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SUPERGIRL

SUPERGIRL
SO YOU WON'T TELL ME THE COMBINATION, EH? WELL, I'LL GET IT ANYHOW! WITH MY TELEPATHIC POWERS, YOUR MIND IS LIKE AN OPEN BOOK TO ME!
LENA THORUL IS MY FRIEND, BUT SHE'S PUT HER EXTRA-SENSORY PERCEPTION POWERS AT THE SERVICE OF CRIME! CHOKE! NOW I'LL HAVE TO TURN HER OVER TO THE POLICE!
25 RIGHT
12 LEFT
7 RIGHT
PAYING
IN HER ASTOUNDING CAREER, SUPERGIRL HAS SOLVED MANY STRANGE MYSTERIES, BUT NONE SO FANTASTIC AS THE ONE WHICH CONFRONTS HER IN THIS STORY...A MYSTERY-GIRL WITHOUT A PAST...A GIRL WITH AN ASTOUNDING TALENT MORE AMAZING THAN EVEN SUPERGIRL'S FABULOUS SUPER-POWERS! WHAT IS HER ORIGIN? WHY DOES LENA THORUL JOIN THE CRIMINAL WORLD IN ITS ENDLESS BATTLE AGAINST SUPERGIRL? SEE IF YOU CAN SOLVE THE MYSTERY OF --
The GIRL with the X-RAY MIND!

ONE DAY, AS LINDA LEE DANVERS, WHO IS SECRETLY SUPERGIRL, ATTENDS A MEETING OF THE SCIENCE CLUB AT MIDVALE HIGH AUDITORIUM...
WE'RE READY TO BEGIN OUR EXPERIMENT IN E.S.P., DR. ANTON!
SPLENDID! I HAVE HERE SOME PICTURES OF SUPERMAN'S FRIENDS AND FOES! I'M GOING TO ASK CLUB MEMBERS TO STAND BEHIND THE SCREEN AND GUESS WHICH PICTURE I'M HOLDING!
ALSO ATTENDING ARE MR. AND MRS. DANVERS, LINDA'S FOSTER-PARENTS...
FOR PITY'S SAKE! WHAT'S THIS E.S.P. THEY'RE TALKING ABOUT?
IT MEANS EXTRA-SENSORY PERCEPTION, A SIXTH SENSE SOME PEOPLE HAVE FOR GUESSING THINGS THEY CAN'T SEE! SOME CALL IT MIND-READING, SIXTH SENSE OR MENTAL TELEPATHY!
AS LINDA TAKES PART IN THE EXPERIMENT...
AND WHOSE PICTURE AM I HOLDING NOW?
ER--THAT'S BIZARRO!
MY X-RAY VISION TELLS ME THE CORRECT ANSWER IS KRYPTO, BUT I'LL PRETEND I'VE MADE A WRONG GUESS! IT WOULDN'T BE FAIR TO USE MY SUPER-POWERS!
BUT LINDA USES HER X-RAY VISION TO KEEP TABS ON THE TEST...
YOU'RE HOLDING A PICTURE OF LORI THE MERMAID, SUPERMAN'S FRIEND FROM ATLANTIS!
THAT'S LENA THORUL, THE GIRL WHO MOVED INTO TOWN LAST YEAR! GASP! THAT'S THE FIFTH ACCURATE GUESS SHE MADE IN A ROW!
BUT WHEN THE FINAL SCORES ARE ANNOUNCED...
I'M AFRAID THIS GROUP IS JUST AVERAGE! THE HIGHEST SCORE WAS MADE BY DICK MALVERNE! THE LOWEST SCORE WAS MADE BY LENA THORUL!
THAT'S ODD! I USUALLY DO VERY GOOD AT GUESSING GAMES!
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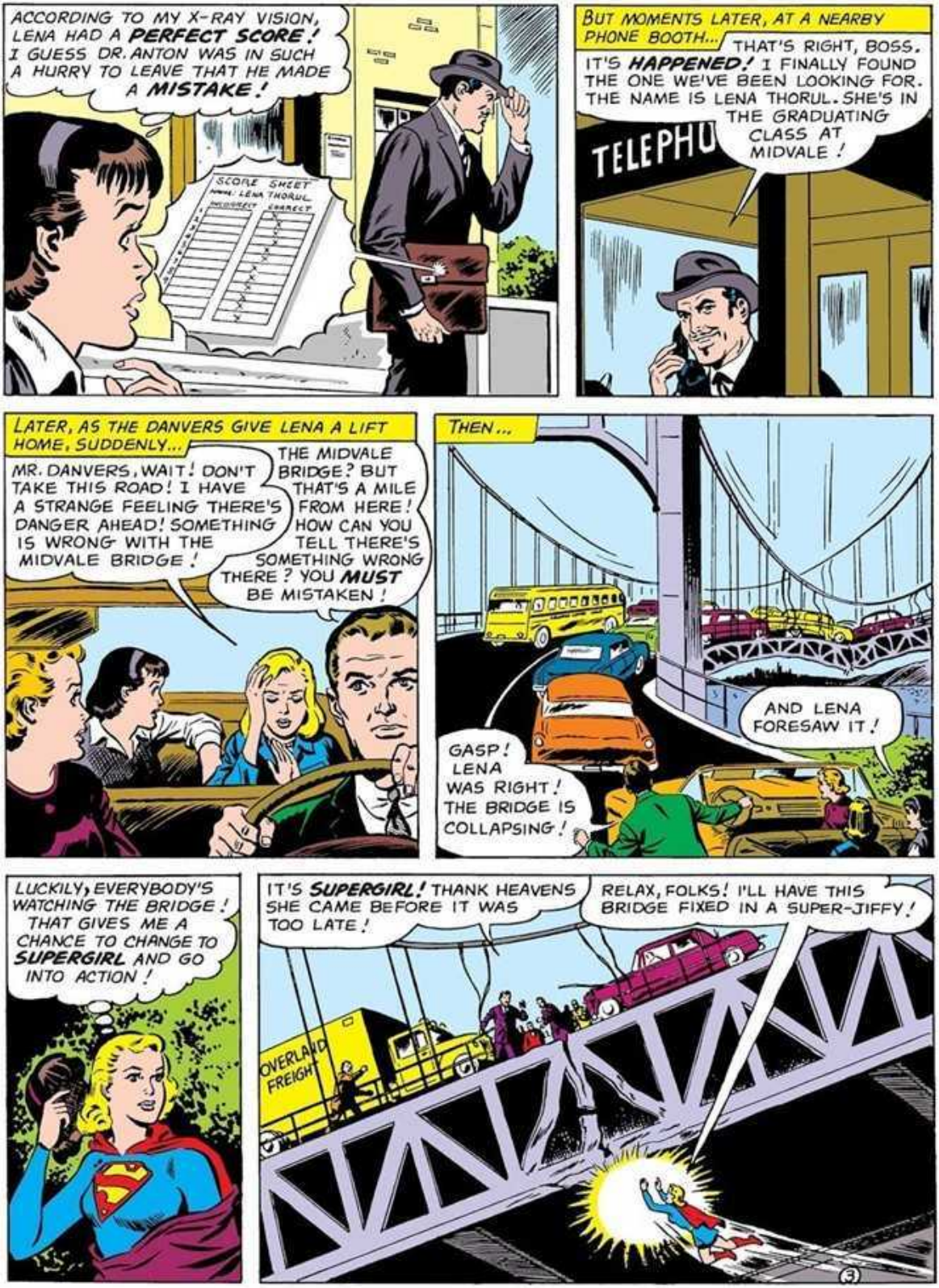
ACCORDING TO MY X-RAY VISION, LENA HAD A PERFECT SCORE! I GUESS DR. ANTON WAS IN SUCH A HURRY TO LEAVE THAT HE MADE A MISTAKE!
SCORE SHEET
NAME: LENA THORUL
INCORRECT
CORRECT
BUT MOMENTS LATER, AT A NEARBY PHONE BOOTH...
THAT'S RIGHT, BOSS. IT'S HAPPENED! I FINALLY FOUND THE ONE WE'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR. THE NAME IS LENA THORUL. SHE'S IN THE GRADUATING CLASS AT MIDVALE!
TELEPHO
LATER, AS THE DANVERS GIVE LENA A LIFT HOME, SUDDENLY...
MR. DANVERS, WAIT! DON'T TAKE THIS ROAD! I HAVE A STRANGE FEELING THERE'S DANGER AHEAD! SOMETHING IS WRONG WITH THE MIDVALE BRIDGE!
THE MIDVALE BRIDGE? BUT THAT'S A MILE FROM HERE! HOW CAN YOU TELL THERE'S SOMETHING WRONG THERE? YOU MUST BE MISTAKEN!
THEN...
AND LENA FORESAW IT!
GASP! LENA WAS RIGHT! THE BRIDGE IS COLLAPSING!
LUCKILY, EVERYBODY'S WATCHING THE BRIDGE! THAT GIVES ME A CHANCE TO CHANGE TO SUPERGIRL AND GO INTO ACTION!
IT'S SUPERGIRL! THANK HEAVENS SHE CAME BEFORE IT WAS TOO LATE!
RELAX, FOLKS! I'LL HAVE THIS BRIDGE FIXED IN A SUPER-JIFFY!
OVERLAND FREIGHT

I'LL USE MY HEAT VISION TO RE-WELD AND STRENGTHEN THE OLD STEEL BEAMS!
HURRAH FOR SUPERGIRL!
HER TASK COMPLETED, SUPERGIRL STREAKS BACK AND RESUMES HER LINDA LEE IDENTITY BEFORE SHE IS MISSED...
LINDA! DID YOU SEE SUPERGIRL REPAIR THAT BRIDGE? DON'T YOU WISH YOU HAD HER FANTASTIC POWERS?
YOU HAVE A TALENT EVEN MORE AMAZING, LENA! THE POWER OF E.S.P.! YOU SENSED THAT BRIDGE ACCIDENT A MILE AWAY!
LATER, AS LINDA STOPS OFF AT THE BOARDING HOUSE WHERE LENA LIVES...
GOSH, YOU MUST BE ALL EXCITED ABOUT BEING A SENIOR IN SCHOOL! WHAT ARE YOUR PLANS AFTER YOU GRADUATE?
I'VE APPLIED TO THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION FOR A JOB AS SECRETARY!... WAIT! THIS LETTER IS FROM THE F.B.I.! IT MAY BY MY ANSWER!
;CHOKE; THEY'VE REJECTED ME! WORKING FOR THE F.B.I. HAS ALWAYS BEEN MY AMBITION, BUT I GUESS THAT DREAM IS OVER NOW!
CHIN UP, LENA! YOU'LL FIND SOME OTHER GOOD JOB, I KNOW!
HER E.S.P. TALENT SHOULD MAKE HER AN ASSET TO THE F.B.I.! I'LL HAVE TO FIND OUT WHY THEY REJECTED HER!
LEAVING, LINDA CHANGES TO HER SUPERGIRL COSTUME AND MAKES A LIGHTNING-SWIFT JOURNEY!
I'VE WORKED WITH THE F.B.I. DOZENS OF TIMES! I'M CERTAIN MY FRIENDS IN THE BUREAU WILL BE GLAD TO HELP ME!
BUT IN THE F.B.I. OFFICES...
IF LENA THORUL IS A FRIEND OF YOURS, SUPERGIRL, WE'LL BE GLAD TO HELP! BUT OUR HANDS ARE TIED! LOOK AT HER FILE!
BUT, INSPECTOR! THE FOLDER IS EMPTY! THERE'S NOTHING HERE BUT LENA'S JOB APPLICATION!
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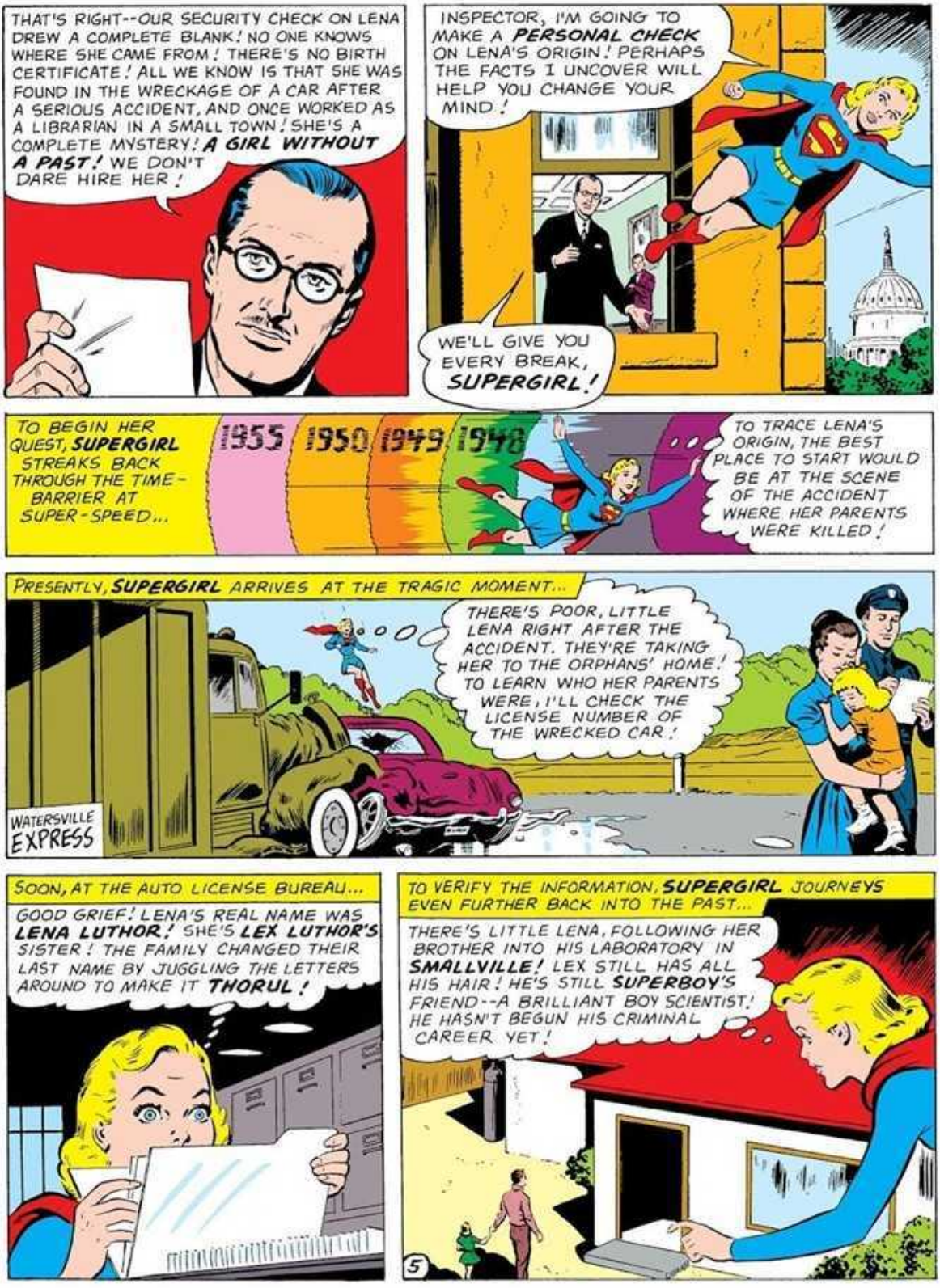
THAT'S RIGHT--OUR SECURITY CHECK ON LENA DREW A COMPLETE BLANK! NO ONE KNOWS WHERE SHE CAME FROM! THERE'S NO BIRTH CERTIFICATE! ALL WE KNOW IS THAT SHE WAS FOUND IN THE WRECKAGE OF A CAR AFTER A SERIOUS ACCIDENT, AND ONCE WORKED AS A LIBRARIAN IN A SMALL TOWN! SHE'S A COMPLETE MYSTERY! A GIRL WITHOUT A PAST! WE DON'T DARE HIRE HER!
INSPECTOR, I'M GOING TO MAKE A PERSONAL CHECK ON LENA'S ORIGIN! PERHAPS THE FACTS I UNCOVER WILL HELP YOU CHANGE YOUR MIND!
WE'LL GIVE YOU EVERY BREAK, SUPERGIRL!
TO BEGIN HER QUEST, SUPERGIRL STREAKS BACK THROUGH THE TIME-BARRIER AT SUPER-SPEED...
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TO TRACE LENA'S ORIGIN, THE BEST PLACE TO START WOULD BE AT THE SCENE OF THE ACCIDENT WHERE HER PARENTS WERE KILLED!
PRESENTLY, SUPERGIRL ARRIVES AT THE TRAGIC MOMENT...
THERE'S POOR, LITTLE LENA RIGHT AFTER THE ACCIDENT. THEY'RE TAKING HER TO THE ORPHANS' HOME! TO LEARN WHO HER PARENTS WERE, I'LL CHECK THE LICENSE NUMBER OF THE WRECKED CAR!
WATERSVILLE EXPRESS
SOON, AT THE AUTO LICENSE BUREAU...
GOOD GRIEF! LENA'S REAL NAME WAS LENA LUTHOR! SHE'S LEX LUTHOR'S SISTER! THE FAMILY CHANGED THEIR LAST NAME BY JUGGLING THE LETTERS AROUND TO MAKE IT THORUL!
TO VERIFY THE INFORMATION, SUPERGIRL JOURNEYS EVEN FURTHER BACK INTO THE PAST...
THERE'S LITTLE LENA, FOLLOWING HER BROTHER INTO HIS LABORATORY IN SMALLVILLE! LEX STILL HAS ALL HIS HAIR! HE'S STILL SUPERBOY'S FRIEND--A BRILLIANT BOY SCIENTIST! HE HASN'T BEGUN HIS CRIMINAL CAREER YET!
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AS SUPERGIRL WATCHES FROM A WINDOW...
OHHH! LOOK AT PRETTY BALLOON!
CAREFUL, LITTLE SISTER! DON'T TOUCH! THAT'S NOT A BALLOON! IT'S SOME KIND OF SPACE-BRAIN THAT PLUNGED INTO OUR ATMOSPHERE! IT MAY BE DANGEROUS!
IT'S EMITTING SOME WEIRD FORM OF ENERGY IN A STRANGE PATTERN! I THINK IT'S TELEPATHIC CODE! I'M TRYING TO UNRAVEL IT NOW!
BEEP! BEEP! BEEP!
BUT AS LUTHOR TURNS AWAY MOMENTARILY...
LENA! WATCH OUT!
WAH...
ZAAAAPP!
GULP! LITTLE LENA'S SAFE, THANK HEAVENS! THOSE ANTENNAE GAVE HER SOME KIND OF HIGH ENERGY CHARGE THAT NEARLY FRIGHTENED HER TO DEATH!
BAWW!
JUST LOOK WHAT YOU DID, LENA! YOU DESTROYED THAT SPACE-BRAIN JUST AS I WAS ABOUT TO SOLVE THE TELEPATHIC CODE IT WAS EMITTING... ALL RIGHT, NOW STOP CRYING!
THERE, THERE, LITTLE ONE! IF YOU STOP CRYING, BROTHER LEX WILL GIVE YOU A SURPRISE RIGHT AFTER SUPPER! I'VE GOT IT HIDDEN AWAY FOR YOU!
SNIFF! I KNOW WHAT SURPRISE IS! LEX VERY NICE BROTHER TO MAKE SUPERBOY DOLL FOR LITTLE LENA!
TO LEX'S ASTONISHMENT, THE TOT GOES TO A NEARBY CLOSET, AND...
SEE! HERE PRETTY SUPERBOY DOLL! CAN ME HAVE IT?
ER...CERTAINLY! BUT, LENA, HOW'D YOU KNOW THAT SUPERBOY DOLL I MADE FOR YOU WAS IN THERE? I ONLY COMPLETED IT LAST NIGHT!
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LENA CLOSE EYES LIKE THIS AND SEE SUPERBOY DOLL INSIDE CLOSET! LENA ABLE TO SEE WHAT YOU ARE THINKING!
GULP! GOOD GRIEF! WHEN THAT SPACE—BRAIN SHORT-CIRCUITED, IT GAVE HER A STRANGE FORM OF TELEPATHY! IT'S INCREDIBLE!
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SOON, AS SUPERGIRL HURTLES BACK TO THE PRESENT...
WELL, THE MYSTERY IS SOLVED! I NOW KNOW THE IDENTITY OF LENA THORUL... AND THE ORIGIN OF HER INCREDIBLE E.S.P. POWERS! I'D BETTER NOTIFY THE F.B.I. AT ONCE!
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SHORTLY, AT THE F.B.I. HEADQUARTERS...
SO LENA IS LEX LUTHOR'S SISTER, EH? I'M AFRAID THAT MAKES THREE STRIKES AGAINST HER, SUPERGIRL!
SUPPOSE SHE BECAME A CRIMINAL LIKE LUTHOR? WORKING IN THE F.B.I., HER TELEPATHIC POWERS COULD DISCOVER OUR COUNTRY'S MOST VITAL SECRETS!
I UNDER-STAND!
SHORTLY, AS SUPERGIRL LEAVES...
POOR LENA! I HAVEN'T THE HEART TO TELL HER SHE'S THE SISTER OF THE WORLD'S MOST NOTORIOUS CRIMINAL MASTERMIND! THE F.B.I. WILL NEVER HIRE HER! SHE'LL HAVE TO PLAN ANOTHER CAREER!
BUT AT THAT VERY MOMENT, IN MIDVALE, LENA THORUL IS RECEIVING A VISITOR...
ER...AREN'T YOU DR. ANTON, THE MAN WHO MADE THOSE E.S.P. TESTS AT OUR SCIENCE CLUB?
CORRECT, MISS THORUL! I RECHECKED YOUR RECORD! YOU MADE AN EXCELLENT SCORE! I CAME TO MAKE YOU A BUSINESS PROPOSITION!
A PROPOSITION! YES! TELEPATHICALLY I SEE IT INVOLVES MONEY... AND SOME KIND OF ILLEGAL ACTIVITY!
PRECISELY! I REPRESENT AN ORGANIZATION CALLED BANK BUSTERS! YOUR MENTAL POWERS COULD HELP US IN OUR OPERATIONS!
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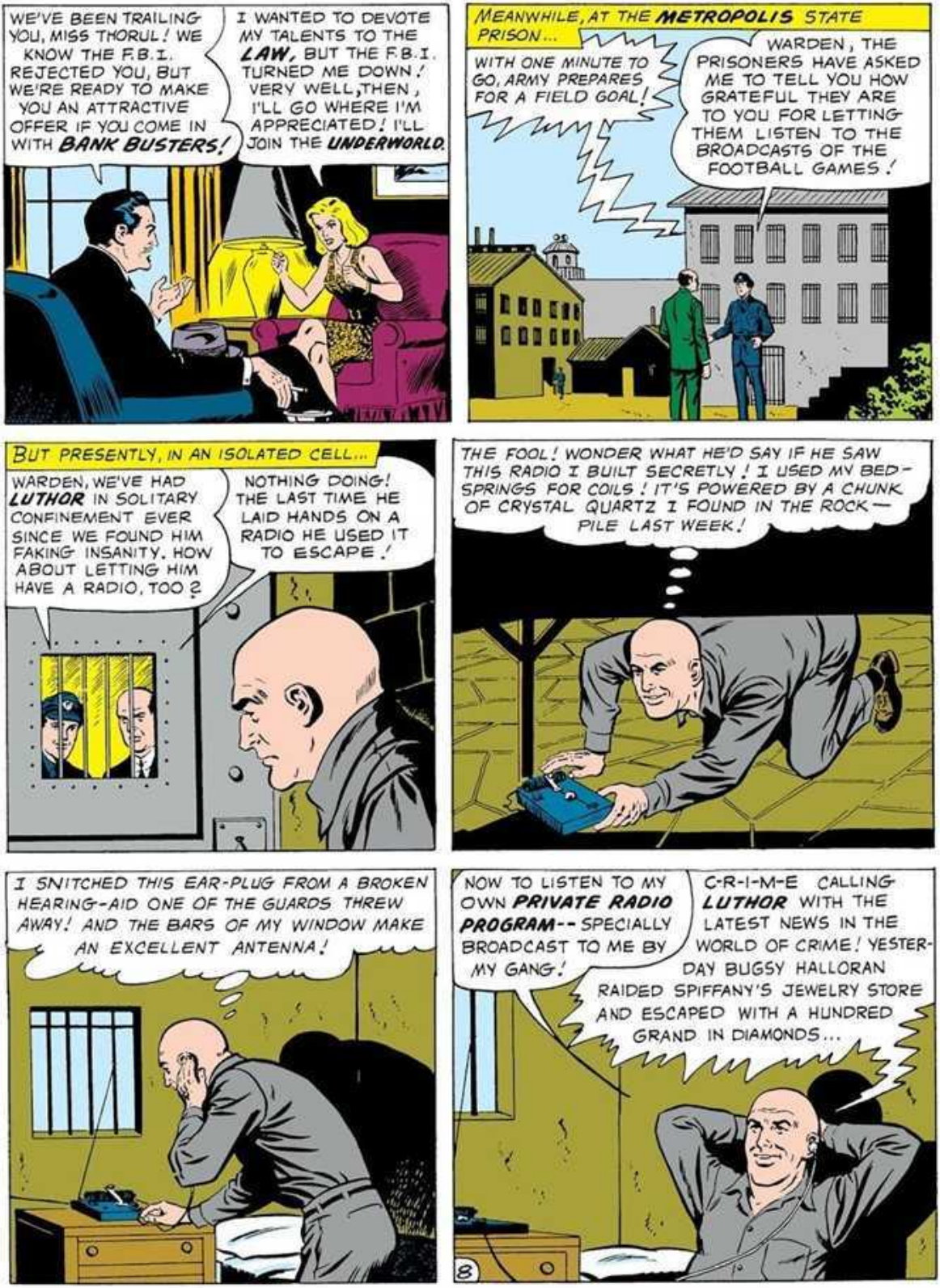
WE'VE BEEN TRAILING YOU, MISS THORUL! WE KNOW THE F.B.I. REJECTED YOU, BUT WE'RE READY TO MAKE YOU AN ATTRACTIVE OFFER IF YOU COME IN WITH BANK BUSTERS!
I WANTED TO DEVOTE MY TALENTS TO THE LAW, BUT THE F.B.I. TURNED ME DOWN! VERY WELL, THEN, I'LL GO WHERE I'M APPRECIATED! I'LL JOIN THE UNDERWORLD.
MEANWHILE, AT THE METROPOLIS STATE PRISON...
WITH ONE MINUTE TO GO, ARMY PREPARES FOR A FIELD GOAL!
WARDEN, THE PRISONERS HAVE ASKED ME TO TELL YOU HOW GRATEFUL THEY ARE TO YOU FOR LETTING THEM LISTEN TO THE BROADCASTS OF THE FOOTBALL GAMES!
BUT PRESENTLY, IN AN ISOLATED CELL...
WARDEN, WE'VE HAD LUTHOR IN SOLITARY CONFINEMENT EVER SINCE WE FOUND HIM FAKING INSANITY. HOW ABOUT LETTING HIM HAVE A RADIO, TOO?
NOTHING DOING! THE LAST TIME HE LAID HANDS ON A RADIO HE USED IT TO ESCAPE!
THE FOOL! WONDER WHAT HE'D SAY IF HE SAW THIS RADIO I BUILT SECRETLY! I USED MY BED-SPRINGS FOR COILS! IT'S POWERED BY A CHUNK OF CRYSTAL QUARTZ I FOUND IN THE ROCK-PILE LAST WEEK!
I SNITCHED THIS EAR-PLUG FROM A BROKEN HEARING-AID ONE OF THE GUARDS THREW AWAY! AND THE BARS OF MY WINDOW MAKE AN EXCELLENT ANTENNA!
NOW TO LISTEN TO MY OWN PRIVATE RADIO PROGRAM--SPECIALLY BROADCAST TO ME BY MY GANG!
C-R-I-M-E CALLING LUTHOR WITH THE LATEST NEWS IN THE WORLD OF CRIME! YESTERDAY BUGSY HALLORAN RAIDED SPIFFANY'S JEWELRY STORE AND ESCAPED WITH A HUNDRED GRAND IN DIAMONDS...
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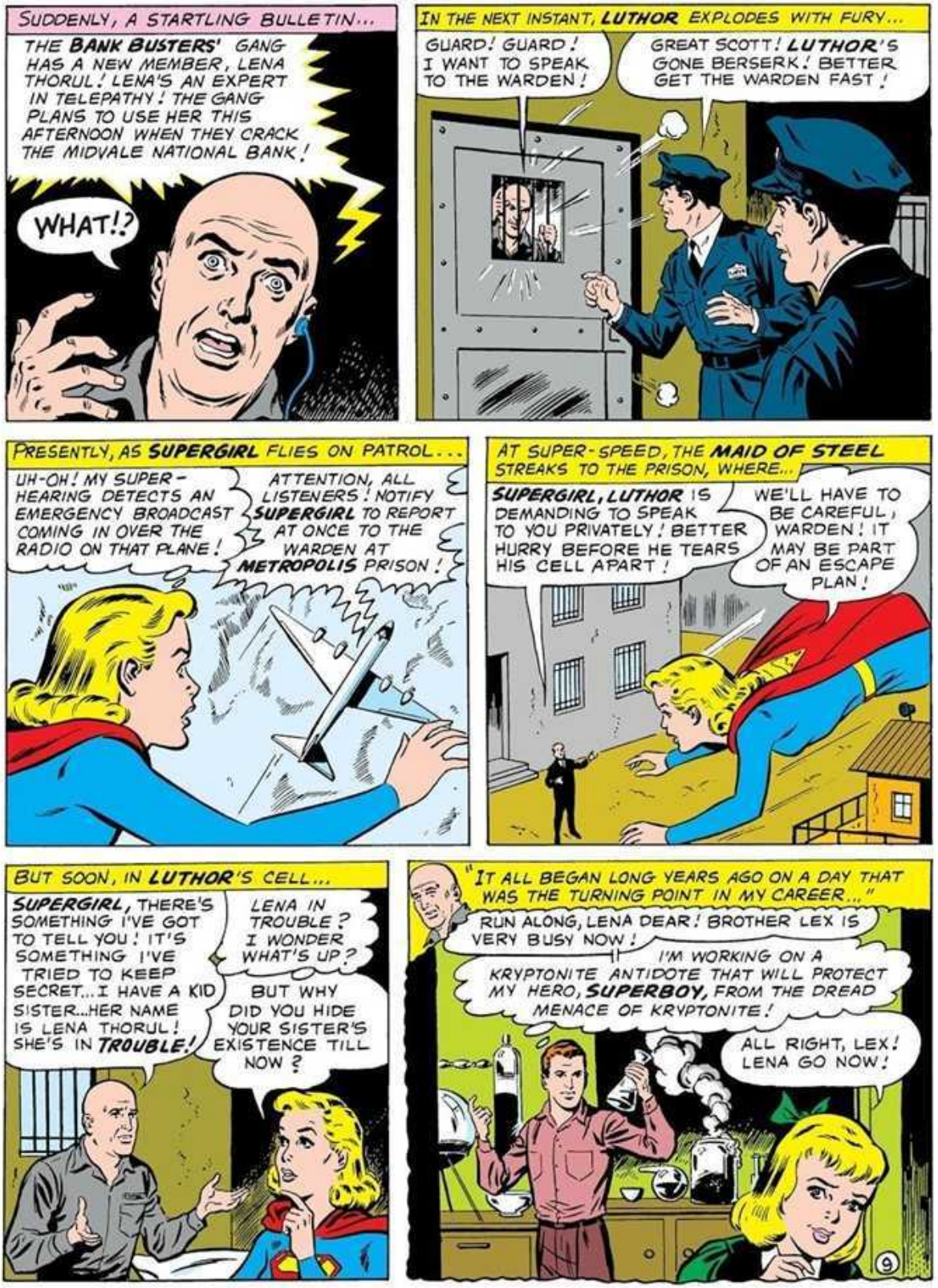
SUDDENLY, A STARTLING BULLETIN...
THE BANK BUSTERS' GANG HAS A NEW MEMBER, LENA THORUL! LENA'S AN EXPERT IN TELEPATHY! THE GANG PLANS TO USE HER THIS AFTERNOON WHEN THEY CRACK THE MIDVALE NATIONAL BANK!
WHAT!?
IN THE NEXT INSTANT, LUTHOR EXPLODES WITH FURY...
GUARD! GUARD! I WANT TO SPEAK TO THE WARDEN!
GREAT SCOTT! LUTHOR'S GONE BERSERK! BETTER GET THE WARDEN FAST!
PRESENTLY, AS SUPERGIRL FLIES ON PATROL...
UH-OH! MY SUPER-HEARING DETECTS AN EMERGENCY BROADCAST COMING IN OVER THE RADIO ON THAT PLANE!
ATTENTION, ALL LISTENERS! NOTIFY SUPERGIRL TO REPORT AT ONCE TO THE WARDEN AT METROPOLIS PRISON!
AT SUPER-SPEED, THE MAID OF STEEL STREAKS TO THE PRISON, WHERE...
SUPERGIRL, LUTHOR IS DEMANDING TO SPEAK TO YOU PRIVATELY! BETTER HURRY BEFORE HE TEARS HIS CELL APART!
WE'LL HAVE TO BE CAREFUL, WARDEN! IT MAY BE PART OF AN ESCAPE PLAN!
BUT SOON, IN LUTHOR'S CELL...
SUPERGIRL, THERE'S SOMETHING I'VE GOT TO TELL YOU! IT'S SOMETHING I'VE TRIED TO KEEP SECRET...I HAVE A KID SISTER...HER NAME IS LENA THORUL! SHE'S IN TROUBLE!
LENA IN TROUBLE? I WONDER WHAT'S UP?
BUT WHY DID YOU HIDE YOUR SISTER'S EXISTENCE TILL NOW?
"IT ALL BEGAN LONG YEARS AGO ON A DAY THAT WAS THE TURNING POINT IN MY CAREER..."
RUN ALONG, LENA DEAR! BROTHER LEX IS VERY BUSY NOW!
I'M WORKING ON A KRYPTONITE ANTIDOTE THAT WILL PROTECT MY HERO, SUPERBOY, FROM THE DREAD MENACE OF KRYPTONITE!
ALL RIGHT, LEX! LENA GO NOW!
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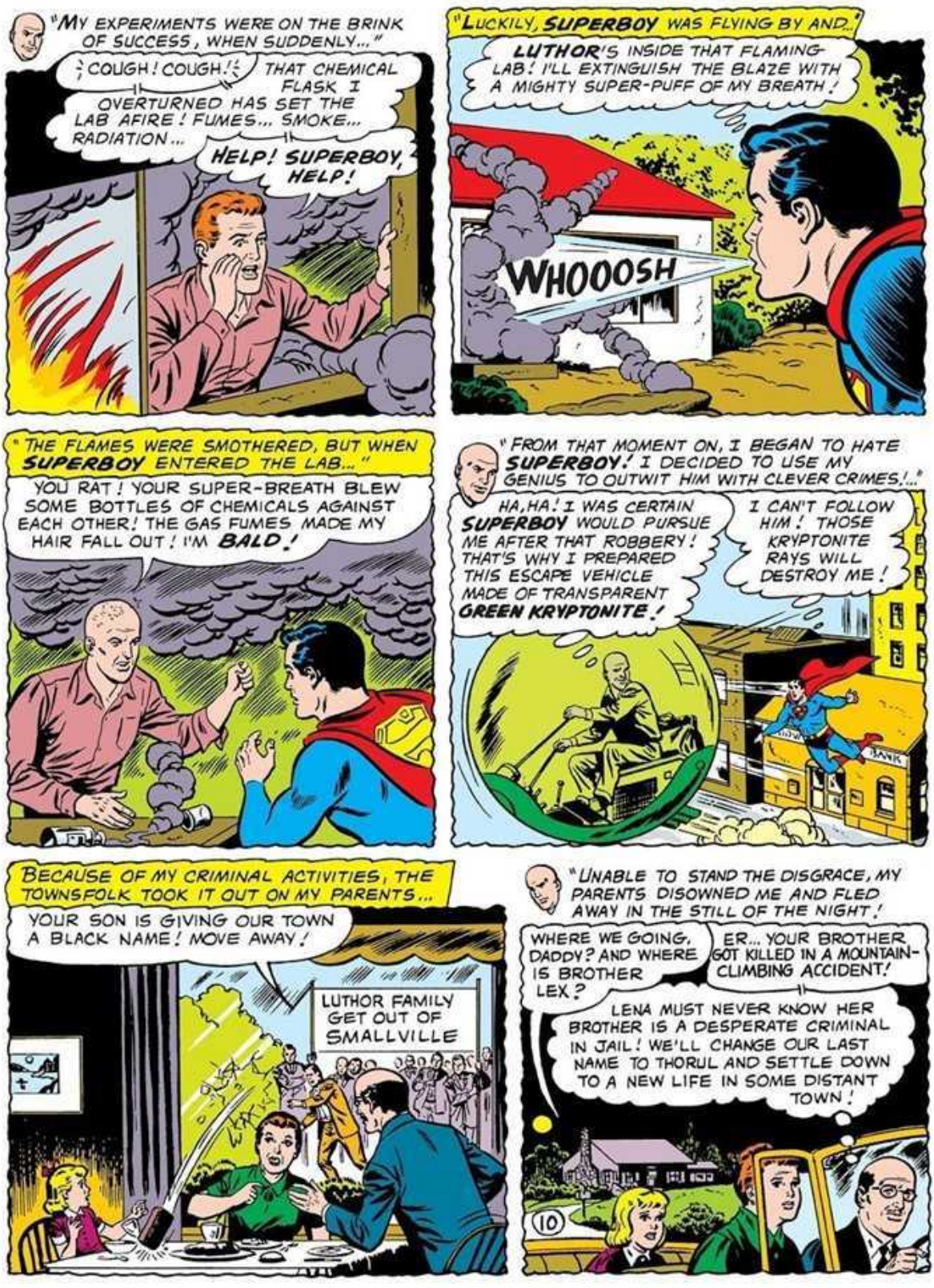
"MY EXPERIMENTS WERE ON THE BRINK OF SUCCESS, WHEN SUDDENLY..."
COUGH! COUGH!
THAT CHEMICAL FLASK I OVERTURNED HAS SET THE LAB AFIRE! FUMES... SMOKE... RADIATION...
HELP! SUPERBOY, HELP!
"LUCKILY, SUPERBOY WAS FLYING BY AND..."
LUTHOR'S INSIDE THAT FLAMING LAB! I'LL EXTINGUISH THE BLAZE WITH A MIGHTY SUPER-PUFF OF MY BREATH!
WHOOOSH
"THE FLAMES WERE SMOTHERED, BUT WHEN SUPERBOY ENTERED THE LAB..."
YOU RAT! YOUR SUPER-BREATH BLEW SOME BOTTLES OF CHEMICALS AGAINST EACH OTHER! THE GAS FUMES MADE MY HAIR FALL OUT! I'M BALD!
"FROM THAT MOMENT ON, I BEGAN TO HATE SUPERBOY! I DECIDED TO USE MY GENIUS TO OUTWIT HIM WITH CLEVER CRIMES!..."
HA,HA! I WAS CERTAIN SUPERBOY WOULD PURSUE ME AFTER THAT ROBBERY! THAT'S WHY I PREPARED THIS ESCAPE VEHICLE MADE OF TRANSPARENT GREEN KRYPTONITE!
I CAN'T FOLLOW HIM! THOSE KRYPTONITE RAYS WILL DESTROY ME!
BANK
BECAUSE OF MY CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES, THE TOWNSFOLK TOOK IT OUT ON MY PARENTS...
YOUR SON IS GIVING OUR TOWN A BLACK NAME! MOVE AWAY!
LUTHOR FAMILY GET OUT OF SMALLVILLE
"UNABLE TO STAND THE DISGRACE, MY PARENTS DISOWNED ME AND FLED AWAY IN THE STILL OF THE NIGHT!"
WHERE WE GOING, DADDY? AND WHERE IS BROTHER LEX?
ER... YOUR BROTHER GOT KILLED IN A MOUNTAIN-CLIMBING ACCIDENT!
LENA MUST NEVER KNOW HER BROTHER IS A DESPERATE CRIMINAL IN JAIL! WE'LL CHANGE OUR LAST NAME TO THORUL AND SETTLE DOWN TO A NEW LIFE IN SOME DISTANT TOWN!
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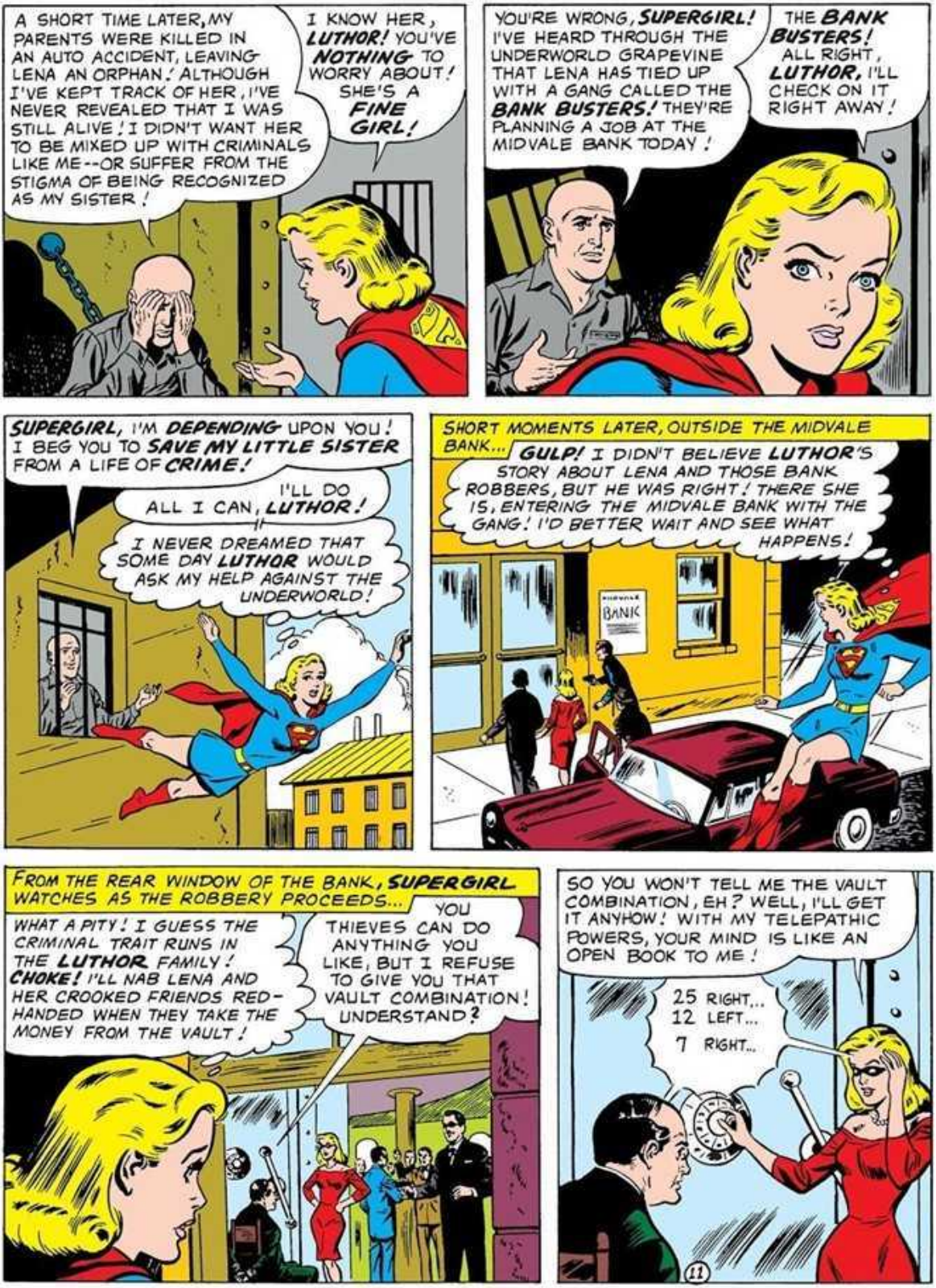
A SHORT TIME LATER, MY PARENTS WERE KILLED IN AN AUTO ACCIDENT, LEAVING LENA AN ORPHAN! ALTHOUGH I'VE KEPT TRACK OF HER, I'VE NEVER REVEALED THAT I WAS STILL ALIVE! I DIDN'T WANT HER TO BE MIXED UP WITH CRIMINALS LIKE ME--OR SUFFER FROM THE STIGMA OF BEING RECOGNIZED AS MY SISTER!
I KNOW HER, LUTHOR! YOU'VE NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT! SHE'S A FINE GIRL!
YOU'RE WRONG, SUPERGIRL! I'VE HEARD THROUGH THE UNDERWORLD GRAPEVINE THAT LENA HAS TIED UP WITH A GANG CALLED THE BANK BUSTERS! THEY'RE PLANNING A JOB AT THE MIDVALE BANK TODAY!
THE BANK BUSTERS! ALL RIGHT, LUTHOR, I'LL CHECK ON IT RIGHT AWAY!
SUPERGIRL, I'M DEPENDING UPON YOU! I BEG YOU TO SAVE MY LITTLE SISTER FROM A LIFE OF CRIME!
I'LL DO ALL I CAN, LUTHOR!
I NEVER DREAMED THAT SOME DAY LUTHOR WOULD ASK MY HELP AGAINST THE UNDERWORLD!
SHORT MOMENTS LATER, OUTSIDE THE MIDVALE BANK...
GULP! I DIDN'T BELIEVE LUTHOR'S STORY ABOUT LENA AND THOSE BANK ROBBERS, BUT HE WAS RIGHT! THERE SHE IS, ENTERING THE MIDVALE BANK WITH THE GANG! I'D BETTER WAIT AND SEE WHAT HAPPENS!
BANK
FROM THE REAR WINDOW OF THE BANK, SUPERGIRL WATCHES AS THE ROBBERY PROCEEDS...
WHAT A PITY! I GUESS THE CRIMINAL TRAIT RUNS IN THE LUTHOR FAMILY! CHOKE! I'LL NAB LENA AND HER CROOKED FRIENDS RED-HANDED WHEN THEY TAKE THE MONEY FROM THE VAULT!
YOU THIEVES CAN DO ANYTHING YOU LIKE, BUT I REFUSE TO GIVE YOU THAT VAULT COMBINATION! UNDERSTAND?
SO YOU WON'T TELL ME THE VAULT COMBINATION, EH? WELL, I'LL GET IT ANYHOW! WITH MY TELEPATHIC POWERS, YOUR MIND IS LIKE AN OPEN BOOK TO ME!
25 RIGHT... 12 LEFT... 7 RIGHT...
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AND A SECOND LATER...
THERE IT IS, BOYS! IT'S ALL YOURS!
IT'S FANTASTIC! WITH E.S.P. AT HER COMMAND, LENA COULD BECOME A MORE DANGEROUS CRIMINAL THAN LUTHOR HIMSELF!
SUDDENLY...
HEY! THIS IS ONLY THE SMALL STUFF! WHERE DO THEY KEEP THE BIG BILLS?
IN THAT SPECIAL DRAWER OVER THERE... BUT WAIT! I SENSE THAT IF YOU OPEN THAT DRAWER YOU'LL RELEASE A FLOOD OF TEAR GAS!
BUT IF YOU PRESS THIS BUTTON OVER HERE, THE DOOR WILL OPEN WITHOUT RELEASING THE GAS!
YOU'RE REALLY ON THE BEAM, LENA! YOUR E.S.P. POWERS SAVED US FROM BEING GASSED AND CAPTURED!
BUT AS THE BUTTON IS PRESSED...
TEAR GAS!
I CAN'T BREATHE! IT'S AWFUL!
COUGH! CHOKE!
THEN, A STARTLING TURN OF EVENTS...
HEY! YOU'RE UNTYING MY ROPES? WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA?
QUICK! WHILE THE OTHERS ARE UNDER THE EFFECTS OF THE GAS, CALL THE POLICE! I PLANNED THIS TRAP TO CAPTURE THE GANG! THANKS TO MY E.S.P. POWERS, I WAS ABLE TO READ YOUR MIND AND LEARN THAT PRESSING THE BUTTON WOULD RELEASE THE TEAR-GAS!
BUT LIKE A FLASH OF LIGHT, A COLORFUL FIGURE SWOOPS IN...
NO NEED FOR THE POLICE NOW! I'LL TAKE CARE OF EVERYTHING!
SUPERGIRL! THANK GOODNESS YOU'RE HERE! COUGH! COUGH! GET RID OF THIS TEAR-GAS BEFORE WE ALL COLLAPSE!
COUGH
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SWIFTLY INHALING THE POWERFUL GAS INTO HER INVULNERABLE LUNGS, SUPERGIRL EXHALES IT THROUGH A WINDOW...

AS THE CAPTURED THIEVES ARE TURNED OVER TO THE POLICE, LENA EXPLAINS...
YOU SEE, I WANTED TO JOIN THE F.B.I., BUT THEY REJECTED ME! I WAS HOPING THAT IF I HELPED TRAP THIS GANG, I COULD GET THE F.B.I. TO RECONSIDER MY APPLICATION!
THAT WAS A NEAT TRAP, I MUST ADMIT!

MY DEAR GIRL, YOU WERE MAGNIFICENT! YOU'RE ENTITLED TO A REWARD!
AND SHE'LL GET IT, TOO! WHEN I TELL THE F.B.I. ABOUT THIS CASE, THEY'RE SURE TO RECONSIDER HER APPLICATION!
OH, SUPERGIRL! YOU'RE WONDERFUL!
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BUT IT'S STRANGE! EVERY TIME I LOOK AT YOU I SEE A TELEPATHIC PICTURE OF MY FRIEND, LINDA LEE DANVERS! ARE YOU THINKING ABOUT HER, SUPERGIRL?
ER, WELL, ER... YES! SHE'S A FRIEND OF MINE, TOO!
:GULP!: THAT'S SOMETHING I NEVER FIGURED ON! HER E.S.P. POWERS SEEM TO BE GETTING STRONGER! SHE DOESN'T KNOW IT, BUT THEY'RE BETRAYING MY SECRET IDENTITY!
THE END
WILL LENA THORUL'S FANTASTIC TELEPATHIC POWERS UNCOVER SUPERGIRL'S GREATEST SECRET? SEE THE NEXT STORY FOR A NEW ADVENTURE OF SUPERGIRL AND LENA!

SUPERGIRL

SUPERGIRL
I'M COMING, LENA!
THIS IS INCREDIBLE! THE EFFECTS OF THAT KRYPTONITE ON LENA PROVE THAT SUPERGIRL'S SECRET IDENTITY IS LENA THORUL!
DICK! GASP! I'M SO WEAK! EVERYTHING IS GOING DARK! HELP... ME! HELP...
PHANTOM GIRL, WONDER WOMAN, SATURN GIRL, WONDER GIRL AND BLACK CANARY! YES, READERS, YOU'VE ALL READ OF THESE FEMININE MARVELS TIME AND AGAIN! BUT THERE IS ONE SUPER-HEROINE WHO IS CLOSEST TO ALL OUR HEARTS, AND THAT IS SUPERGIRL! NEXT TO SUPERMAN, THE GIRL OF STEEL IS OUR GREATEST PROTECTION AGAINST CRIME AND EVIL-DOERS. YES, THE ONE AND ONLY SUPERGIRL IS UNIQUE! BUT IS SHE THE ONE AND ONLY? IS IT POSSIBLE THAT THERE IS ANOTHER SUPER-BEING AMONG US WHO SHARES HER INCREDIBLE POWERS? THE STARTLING ANSWER TO THIS QUESTION CAN BE FOUND IN THE STORY WE CALL...
THE GIRL WHO WAS SUPERGIRL'S DOUBLE!
PREPARING FOR THE MIDVALE CHARITY BALL ONE DAY, LINDA LEE DANVERS SHOPS WITH HER FOSTER-MOTHER, MRS. DANVERS...
I AGREE, MOTHER!
IT'S A "COME AS YOUR FAVORITE HERO OR HEROINE PARTY", LINDA! I THINK YOU SHOULD PICK THE POCAHONTAS COSTUME! IT'S SO SWEET AND SIMPLE!
MOTHER IS HINTING THAT SINCE I'M SECRETLY SUPERGIRL, IT'S FOOLISH TO CALL ATTENTION TO MYSELF BY WEARING A FLASHY COSTUME!
COSTUM
LEAVING, LINDA MEETS HER NEW FRIEND, LENA THORUL...
LENA! I'M SO GLAD TO SEE YOU! HAVE YOU BOUGHT YOUR COSTUME YET?
I HAVE, LINDA! BUT DON'T ASK ME WHAT IT IS! I'M SAVING IT FOR A SURPRISE!

SUDDENLY, LENA TENSES STRANGELY...
WAIT! I'VE GOT A STRANGE FEELING! SOMETHING TERRIBLE IS ABOUT TO HAPPEN AROUND THE CORNER!
LENA'S UNCANNY EXTRA-SENSORY-POWERS! THEY ALWAYS ALERT HER WHEN SOME DANGER IS ABOUT TO STRIKE!
SWIFTLY, LENA DARTS FORWARD AND...
GASP! HER E.S.P. POWERS FORESAW THAT BLIND MAN WAS ABOUT TO STEP IN THE PATH OF THE BUS! SHE GOT TO HIM IN THE NICK OF TIME!
MY SUPER-BREATH IS HELPING, TOO! I'M USING IT TO BRAKE THAT BUS AND GIVE LENA A CHANCE TO PULL HIM BACK TO SAFETY!
HUDSON AVE
BUS STOP
AFTER THE BLIND MAN IS LED SAFELY ACROSS...
YOUR MENTAL POWERS ARE INCREDIBLE! THEY'RE CERTAIN TO HELP YOU GET THAT JOB WITH THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION FOR WHICH YOU APPLIED!
THE F.B.I. IS STILL CONSIDERING MY CASE, LINDA! TILL THEN I'M HOLDING DOWN MY JOB AT THE MIDVALE LIBRARY! 'BYE, NOW! I'LL SEE YOU AT THE COSTUME BALL!
MEANWHILE, IN A SWANK SECTION OF MIDVALE...
THIS CLEOPATRA COSTUME WAS THE MOST EXPENSIVE IN THE STORE! WHEN I WEAR IT AT THE CHARITY BALL, IT WILL MAKE ME LOOK LIKE A QUEEN, DON'T YOU THINK, FATHER?
YOU WERE BORN TO BE A QUEEN, MY DEAR! YOU WILL BE EVEN MORE BEAUTIFUL WHEN YOU PUT ON THOSE REAL JEWELS I RENTED FROM CARTIER'S! THEY'LL BE HERE SOON!
A FEW MOMENTS LATER...
THE MESSENGER FROM CARTIER'S, MR. GILTEDGE!
AH...THE JEWELS I ORDERED! THEIR BRILLIANCE WILL SET OFF MY DAUGHTER'S BEAUTY TO PERFECTION!
BUT AS THE JEWEL CASE IS OPENED, A FURTIVE VOICE SPEAKS OVER THE PHONE...
THAT'S RIGHT! THOSE SPARKLERS JUST ARRIVED, BLACKIE! SHE'LL BE WEARING ABOUT A HALF-MILLION IN GEMS AT THE COSTUME BALL! YEAH!... AND DON'T FORGET MY CUT!
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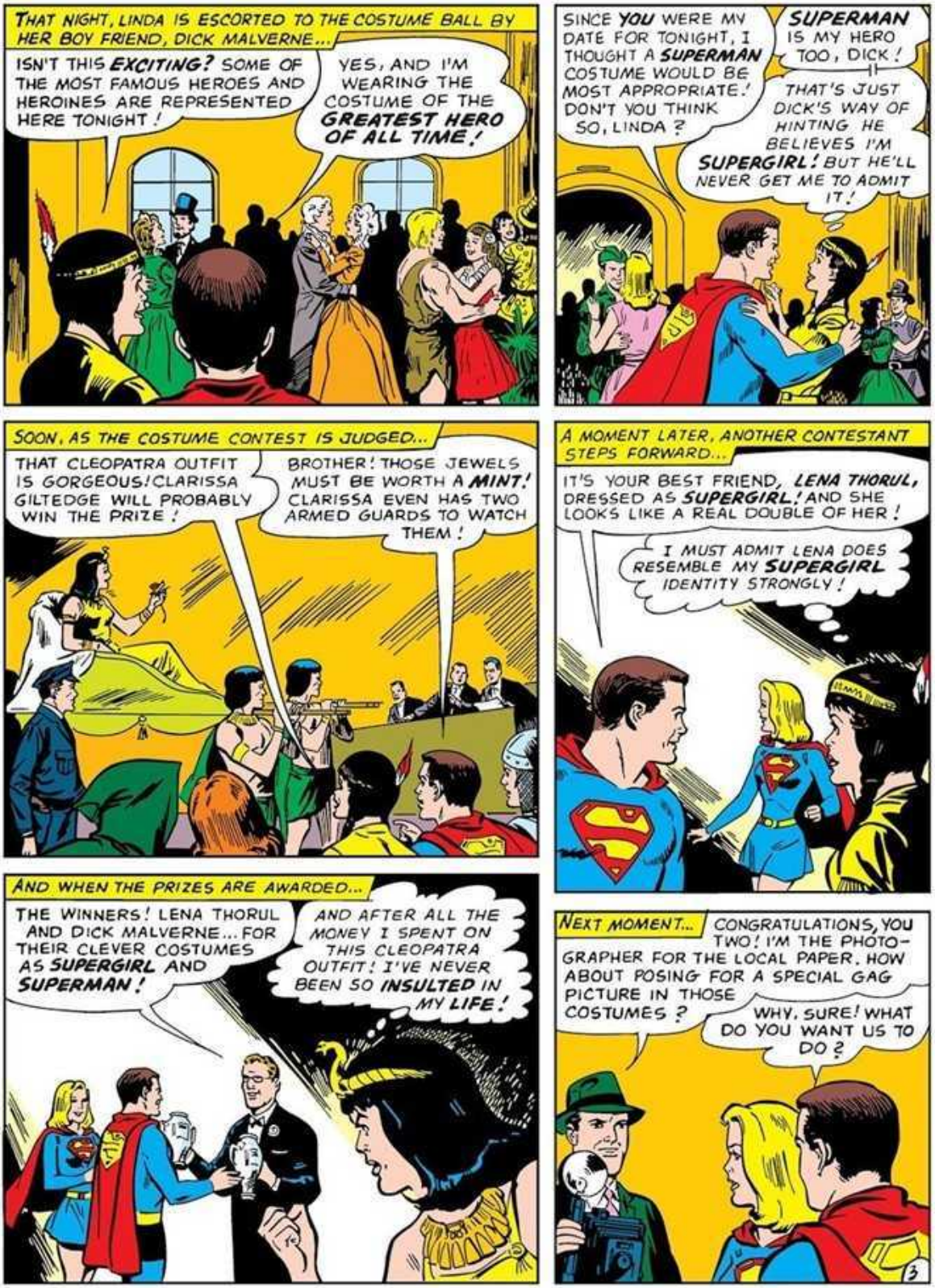
THAT NIGHT, LINDA IS ESCORTED TO THE COSTUME BALL BY HER BOY FRIEND, DICK MALVERNE...
ISN'T THIS EXCITING? SOME OF THE MOST FAMOUS HEROES AND HEROINES ARE REPRESENTED HERE TONIGHT!
YES, AND I'M WEARING THE COSTUME OF THE GREATEST HERO OF ALL TIME!
SINCE YOU WERE MY DATE FOR TONIGHT, I THOUGHT A SUPERMAN COSTUME WOULD BE MOST APPROPRIATE! DON'T YOU THINK SO, LINDA?
SUPERMAN IS MY HERO TOO, DICK!
THAT'S JUST DICK'S WAY OF HINTING HE BELIEVES I'M SUPERGIRL! BUT HE'LL NEVER GET ME TO ADMIT IT!
SOON, AS THE COSTUME CONTEST IS JUDGED...
THAT CLEOPATRA OUTFIT IS GORGEOUS! CLARISSA GILTEDGE WILL PROBABLY WIN THE PRIZE!
BROTHER! THOSE JEWELS MUST BE WORTH A MINT! CLARISSA EVEN HAS TWO ARMED GUARDS TO WATCH THEM!
A MOMENT LATER, ANOTHER CONTESTANT STEPS FORWARD...
IT'S YOUR BEST FRIEND, LENA THORUL, DRESSED AS SUPERGIRL! AND SHE LOOKS LIKE A REAL DOUBLE OF HER!
I MUST ADMIT LENA DOES RESEMBLE MY SUPERGIRL IDENTITY STRONGLY!
AND WHEN THE PRIZES ARE AWARDED...
THE WINNERS! LENA THORUL AND DICK MALVERNE... FOR THEIR CLEVER COSTUMES AS SUPERGIRL AND SUPERMAN!
AND AFTER ALL THE MONEY I SPENT ON THIS CLEOPATRA OUTFIT! I'VE NEVER BEEN SO INSULTED IN MY LIFE!
NEXT MOMENT...
CONGRATULATIONS, YOU TWO! I'M THE PHOTOGRAPHER FOR THE LOCAL PAPER. HOW ABOUT POSING FOR A SPECIAL GAG PICTURE IN THOSE COSTUMES?
WHY, SURE! WHAT DO YOU WANT US TO DO?
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SOON...
WOW! WHAT A TERRIFIC SHOT! AFTER THE WAY I SUSPENDED BOTH OF YOU WITH STEEL WIRES, IT WILL LOOK AS IF YOU'RE BOTH FLYING!
LOOK AT ME, EVERYONE! I'M SUPERMAN!
AND I'M SUPERGIRL! HA, HA!
AND I GUESS I'M A WASHOUT!
PRESENTLY, AT THE BALLROOM ENTRANCE...
HEY! LOOK AT THOSE FELLOWS IN THE ASTRONAUTS' COSTUMES WHO JUST CAME IN! BUT THEY ARRIVED TOO LATE FOR THE CONTEST!
DICK! THERE'S SOMETHING EVIL ABOUT THEM! I CAN SENSE IT!
THE NEXT INSTANT...
ALL RIGHT, BLACKIE! GIVE THEM A WHIFF OF THOSE KNOCK-OUT PELLETS!
OHH! GAS!... I FEEL FAINT!
I'M BLACKING OUT!
SINCE LINDA IS REALLY SUPERGIRL, SHE IS INVULNERABLE TO THE EFFECTS OF THE KNOCKOUT GAS, BUT TO PROTECT HER IDENTITY, SHE SLUMPS TO THE FLOOR...
HERE'S THE GILTEDGE GIRL, LOADED DOWN WITH JEWELS! THIS IS JUST LIKE TAKING CANDY FROM A BABY!
JEWEL THIEVES! THEIR ASTRONAUT HELMETS PROTECT THEM FROM THE EFFECTS OF THE GAS! ARE THEY DUE FOR A SURPRISE!
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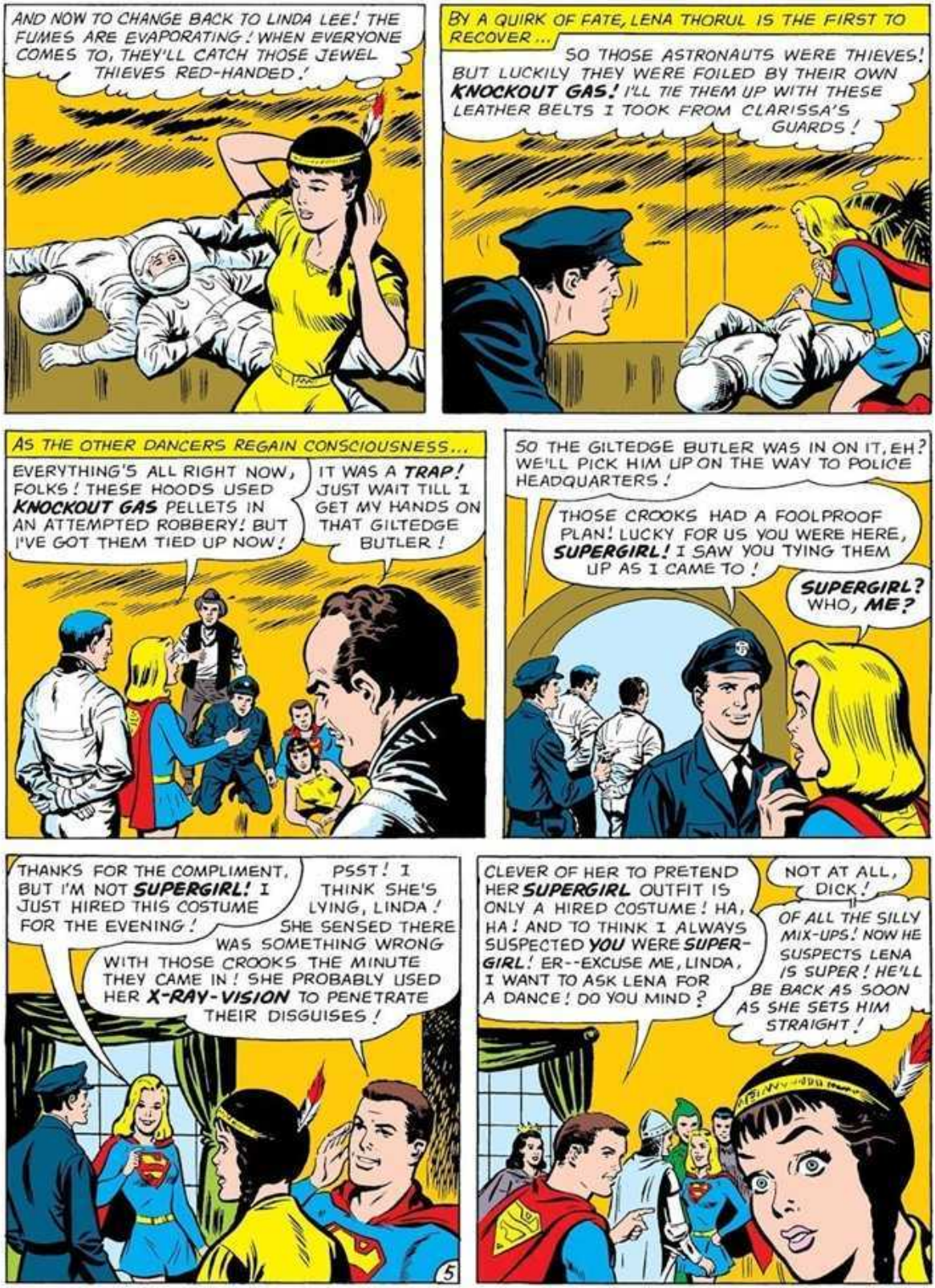
WHILE THE THIEVES CONCENTRATE ON THE JEWELS, LINDA CHANGES TO HER SUPERGIRL IDENTITY AT LIGHTNING SPEED AND GOES INTO ACTION!
YOU BOYS ARE WORKING TOO HARD! HERE, LET ME HELP YOU RELAX!
BY CRACKING OPEN THEIR HELMETS, I'LL FORCE THEM TO BREATHE THOSE KNOCKOUT FUMES!


AND NOW TO CHANGE BACK TO LINDA LEE! THE FUMES ARE EVAPORATING! WHEN EVERYONE COMES TO, THEY'LL CATCH THOSE JEWEL THIEVES RED-HANDED!
BY A QUIRK OF FATE, LENA THORUL IS THE FIRST TO RECOVER...
SO THOSE ASTRONAUTS WERE THIEVES! BUT LUCKILY THEY WERE FOILED BY THEIR OWN KNOCKOUT GAS! I'LL TIE THEM UP WITH THESE LEATHER BELTS I TOOK FROM CLARISSA'S GUARDS!
AS THE OTHER DANCERS REGAIN CONSCIOUSNESS...
EVERYTHING'S ALL RIGHT NOW, FOLKS! THESE HOODS USED KNOCKOUT GAS PELLETS IN AN ATTEMPTED ROBBERY! BUT I'VE GOT THEM TIED UP NOW!
IT WAS A TRAP! JUST WAIT TILL I GET MY HANDS ON THAT GILTEDGE BUTLER!
SO THE GILTEDGE BUTLER WAS IN ON IT, EH? WE'LL PICK HIM UP ON THE WAY TO POLICE HEADQUARTERS!
THOSE CROOKS HAD A FOOLPROOF PLAN! LUCKY FOR US YOU WERE HERE, SUPERGIRL! I SAW YOU TYING THEM UP AS I CAME TO!
SUPERGIRL? WHO, ME?
THANKS FOR THE COMPLIMENT, BUT I'M NOT SUPERGIRL! I JUST HIRED THIS COSTUME FOR THE EVENING!
PSST! I THINK SHE'S LYING, LINDA! SHE SENSED THERE WAS SOMETHING WRONG WITH THOSE CROOKS THE MINUTE THEY CAME IN! SHE PROBABLY USED HER X-RAY-VISION TO PENETRATE THEIR DISGUISES!
CLEVER OF HER TO PRETEND HER SUPERGIRL OUTFIT IS ONLY A HIRED COSTUME! HA, HA! AND TO THINK I ALWAYS SUSPECTED YOU WERE SUPERGIRL! ER--EXCUSE ME, LINDA, I WANT TO ASK LENA FOR A DANCE! DO YOU MIND?
NOT AT ALL, DICK!
OF ALL THE SILLY MIX-UPS! NOW HE SUSPECTS LENA IS SUPER! HE'LL BE BACK AS SOON AS SHE SETS HIM STRAIGHT!
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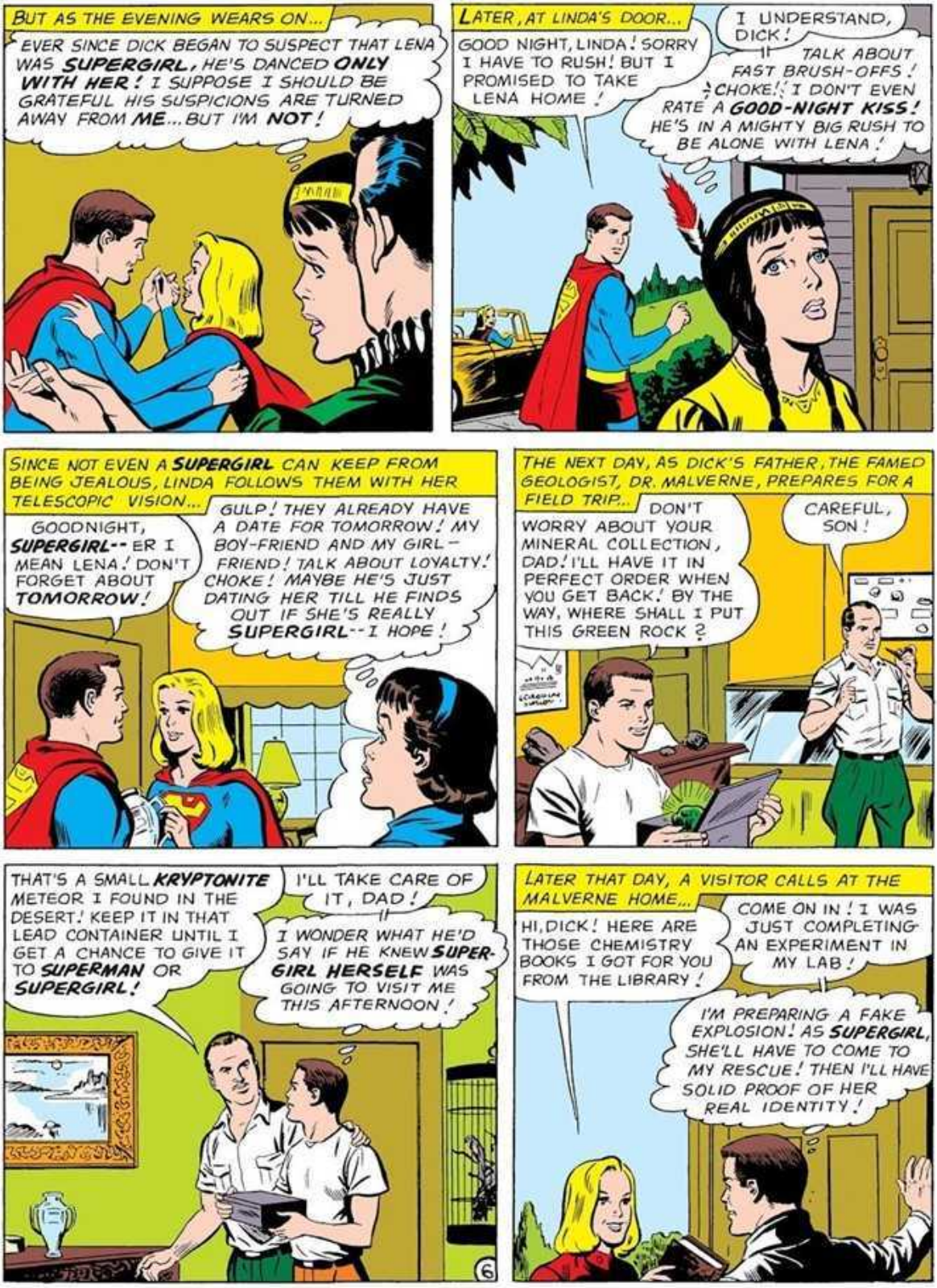
BUT AS THE EVENING WEARS ON...
EVER SINCE DICK BEGAN TO SUSPECT THAT LENA WAS SUPERGIRL, HE'S DANCED ONLY WITH HER! I SUPPOSE I SHOULD BE GRATEFUL HIS SUSPICIONS ARE TURNED AWAY FROM ME... BUT I'M NOT!
LATER, AT LINDA'S DOOR...
GOOD NIGHT, LINDA! SORRY I HAVE TO RUSH! BUT I PROMISED TO TAKE LENA HOME!
I UNDERSTAND, DICK!
TALK ABOUT FAST BRUSH-OFFS! CHOKE! I DON'T EVEN RATE A GOOD-NIGHT KISS! HE'S IN A MIGHTY BIG RUSH TO BE ALONE WITH LENA!
SINCE NOT EVEN A SUPERGIRL CAN KEEP FROM BEING JEALOUS, LINDA FOLLOWS THEM WITH HER TELESCOPIC VISION...
GOODNIGHT, SUPERGIRL-- ER I MEAN LENA! DON'T FORGET ABOUT TOMORROW!
GULP! THEY ALREADY HAVE A DATE FOR TOMORROW! MY BOY-FRIEND AND MY GIRL-FRIEND! TALK ABOUT LOYALTY! CHOKE! MAYBE HE'S JUST DATING HER TILL HE FINDS OUT IF SHE'S REALLY SUPERGIRL--I HOPE!
THE NEXT DAY, AS DICK'S FATHER, THE FAMED GEOLOGIST, DR. MALVERNE, PREPARES FOR A FIELD TRIP...
DON'T WORRY ABOUT YOUR MINERAL COLLECTION, DAD! I'LL HAVE IT IN PERFECT ORDER WHEN YOU GET BACK! BY THE WAY, WHERE SHALL I PUT THIS GREEN ROCK?
CAREFUL, SON!
THAT'S A SMALL KRYPTONITE METEOR I FOUND IN THE DESERT! KEEP IT IN THAT LEAD CONTAINER UNTIL I GET A CHANCE TO GIVE IT TO SUPERMAN OR SUPERGIRL!
I'LL TAKE CARE OF IT, DAD!
I WONDER WHAT HE'D SAY IF HE KNEW SUPERGIRL HERSELF WAS GOING TO VISIT ME THIS AFTERNOON!
LATER THAT DAY, A VISITOR CALLS AT THE MALVERNE HOME...
HI, DICK! HERE ARE THOSE CHEMISTRY BOOKS I GOT FOR YOU FROM THE LIBRARY!
COME ON IN! I WAS JUST COMPLETING AN EXPERIMENT IN MY LAB!
I'M PREPARING A FAKE EXPLOSION! AS SUPERGIRL, SHE'LL HAVE TO COME TO MY RESCUE! THEN I'LL HAVE SOLID PROOF OF HER REAL IDENTITY!
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OH, WHAT A HANDSOME PARAKEET! WHAT'S HIS NAME, DICK?
WE CALL HIM CHIPPER, LENA! YOU CAN PLAY WITH HIM UNTIL I FINISH MY EXPERIMENT!
THAT SHOULD KEEP HER OCCUPIED WHILE I SET UP THAT FAKE EXPLOSION IN MY LAB!
BUT MOMENTS LATER..
I ACCIDENTALLY OPENED THE CAGE DOOR! CHIPPER IS ESCAPING! I MUST CATCH HIM!
PURSUED, THE BIRD FLIES FRANTICALLY ABOUT THE ROOM, UNTIL...
HE KNOCKED OVER THAT LOVING CUP! GASP! WHAT'S THAT ROUND OBJECT FALLING OUT OF THE CUP?
POP
UNKNOWN TO LENA, ONE OF THE KNOCK-OUT GAS PELLETS ACCIDENTALLY FELL INTO THE LOVING CUP DURING THE ATTEMPTED ROBBERY, AND NOW...
UGGH! THOSE CHOKING FUMES! CAN'T BREATHE... HEAD SPINNING... GOT TO HOLD ON TO SOMETHING...
THUMP! BANG!
WHAT'S THAT?
OOOH!
LENA! GOOD GRIEF, SHE WAS ACCIDENTALLY EXPOSED TO THAT KRYPTONITE METEOR! ITS DEADLY RAYS HAVE KNOCKED HER OUT! THAT PROVES SHE'S SUPERGIRL, SINCE ONLY NATIVES OF THE PLANET KRYPTON ARE VULNERABLE TO KRYPTONITE!
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QUICKLY PUTTING THE KRYPTONITE BACK IN THE LEAD BOX, DICK REVIVES HIS VISITOR...
IT'S ALL RIGHT, SUPERGIRL! I CAME IN TIME TO SAVE YOU FROM THAT KRYPTONITE! IT'S IN THAT LEAD BOX ON THE TABLE!
DICK, I TELL YOU I'M NOT SUPERGIRL! KRYPTONITE WOULDN'T AFFECT ME! THERE WERE SOME KIND OF FUMES THAT KNOCKED ME OUT!
ALL RIGHT, HAVE IT YOUR WAY! SO YOU'RE NOT SUPERGIRL! BUT I THINK YOU'D BETTER TAKE THIS BOX WITH KRYPTONITE AND GET RID OF IT!
ALL RIGHT, DICK! I THINK IT'S A GOOD IDEA! I'LL GIVE IT TO SUPERGIRL! I--I EXPECT TO SEE HER SOON!
AS LENA DEPARTS...
SHE'LL SEE SUPER-GIRL SOON, ALL RIGHT!
HA, HA! PROBABLY THE NEXT TIME SHE LOOKS INTO A MIRROR! IT'S JUST A MATTER OF TIME NOW TILL LENA ADMITS HER SECRET IDENTITY! HMMM... I WONDER HOW SHE'S GOING TO GET RID OF THAT KRYPTONITE!
BUT DICK WOULD BE DISAPPOINTED TO SEE WHAT LENA DOES WITH THE DEADLY STUFF FOR THAT AFTERNOON...
LINDA, DICK THINKS I'M SUPERGIRL! THAT'S WHY HE GAVE ME THE KRYPTONITE IN THAT BOX AND ASKED ME TO GET RID OF IT! BEFORE I BURY IT HERE SO IT WON'T EVER HARM THE REAL SUPERGIRL, WOULD YOU CARE TO SEE IT?
ER... NO THANKS, LENA!
IN THE DAYS THAT FOLLOW, DICK MAKES A BIG PLAY FOR LENA...
HI, LENA! I'VE GOT A COUPLE OF TICKETS TO THE ROD KELLY DISC-JOCKEY SHOW TONIGHT! HOW ABOUT COMING WITH ME?
ER...I'D BE GLAD TO, DICK!
TWO DAYS AGO, DICK WOULD HAVE INVITED ME!
AS DICK DRIVES THE GIRLS HOME...
LOOK AT HIM CUDDLING WITH HER! GULP! AS FAR AS DICK MALVERNE IS CONCERNED, I'VE CEASED TO EXIST!

SUDDENLY...
LOOK UP THERE! THAT PLANE... IT'S ON FIRE!
THE PILOT IS BAILING OUT!
HIS CHUTE FAILED TO OPEN! FOR PETE'S SAKE, DO SOMETHING, LENA!! YOU'VE GOT TO SAVE HIM! USE YOUR SUPER-POWERS!
BUT, DICK, YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND... I CAN'T...
OH, OH! AS THE REAL SUPERGIRL, I SHOULD GO INTO ACTION. BUT I CAN'T MAKE A MOVE WITHOUT EXPOSING MY IDENTITY! WAIT! I'VE GOT AN IDEA!
FROM THE BACK SEAT, LINDA RELEASES A POWERFUL PUFF OF HER SUPER-BREATH, AND--
BROTHER! THAT WAS A CLOSE ONE! LUCKY THAT GUST OF WIND OPENED MY CHUTE OR I'D BE A DEAD PIGEON!
AND FAR BELOW...
LENA, YOU WERE MARVELOUS! YOU SAVED THAT PILOT'S LIFE WITH YOUR SUPER-BREATH! I COULD KISS YOU...
WHAT IRONY! I PERFORM THE SUPER-FEATS AND LENA REAPS THE REWARD!
THAT NIGHT, A HEART-BROKEN LINDA WATCHES THE ROD KELLY SHOW ON T.V...
LINDA, DEAR, ISN'T THAT YOUR FRIEND LENA THORUL, DANCING WITH DICK MALVERNE? DICK SEEMS TO BE SO PROUD OF HER!
YES, MOTHER!
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"GOSH! DICK WOULDN'T FEEL SO PROUD IF I TOLD HIM THE REAL TRUTH ABOUT LENA!"
THAT'S RIGHT, DICK! LENA THORUL IS THE SISTER OF THE CRIMINAL SCIENTIST, LEX LUTHOR! NOTICE HOW HER NAME CONTAINS THE SAME LETTERS THAT SPELL OUT THE NAME LUTHOR!
ULP! TO THINK THAT I FELL FOR THE SISTER OF THE MOST EVIL MASTER CRIMINAL THE WORLD HAS EVER KNOWN! WHAT A FOOL I'VE BEEN!
LUTHOR THORUL

BUT IT'S ALL A DAY-DREAM, AND AS LINDA SNAPS BACK TO REALITY...
NO, I COULD NEVER STOOP SO LOW AS TO TELL DICK ABOUT LENA! AND I WON'T REVEAL MY OWN SUPER-IDENTITY TO HIM, EITHER! I WANT HIM TO LOVE ME FOR MYSELF ALONE, AND NOT FOR MY SUPER-POWERS!
JUST THEN, ON THE T.V. SCREEN...
WE INTERRUPT THIS PROGRAM FOR A SPECIAL BULLETIN. IF SUPER-GIRL IS LISTENING, SHE'S NEEDED IMMEDIATELY AT METROPOLIS PENITENTIARY!
IT MAY BE A PRISON BREAK! I'LL CHANGE INTO MY SUPER-COSTUME AND REPORT AT ONCE, MOTHER!
BUT AT THE PRISON, SUPERGIRL IS LED TO THE "SOLITARY CELL" OF THE INFAMOUS LEX LUTHOR...
SUPERGIRL! THANK GOODNESS YOU'VE COME! I NEED YOUR HELP! IT'S ABOUT MY SISTER, LENA THORUL!
WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND, LUTHOR? I'LL HELP YOU IF I CAN!
STRANGE HOW LENA THORUL AND HER PROBLEMS HAUNT ME NO MATTER WHICH IDENTITY I USE!
LUTHOR EXPLAINS...
YOU KNOW HOW I'VE ALWAYS KEPT LENA FROM FINDING OUT THAT HER BROTHER IS ARCH-CRIMINAL LUTHOR! BUT TOMORROW IS HER BIRTHDAY! I'D LIKE TO GIVE HER A GIFT... SOMETHING THAT COULD EASE HER FINANCIAL BURDENS!
BUT, LUTHOR, WHAT GIFT COULD YOU SEND HER? YOU'RE A CRIMINAL... IN SOLITARY CONFINEMENT!
"YEARS AGO I ESCAPED PRISON AND SET UP A SECRET LAB. THERE I INVENTED A PROCESS FOR MANUFACTURING DIAMONDS..."
IT WORKS! BY HARNESSING THE FANTASTIC HEAT AND ENERGY OF THAT LIGHTNING STORM, I CAN TURN LUMPS OF COAL INTO DIAMONDS! I'LL BE RICH!
CRAACK
"BUT BEFORE I COULD PERFECT MY PROCESS, I WAS NABBED AND RETURNED TO PRISON..."
YOU'VE LED US A MERRY CHASE, LUTHOR, BUT NOW YOU'RE GOING BACK TO FINISH THAT LIFE SENTENCE!
BAH! NO PRISON WALLS CAN HOLD ME FOR LONG!
AND WHEN I ESCAPE, THAT CHEST FULL OF DIAMONDS I BURIED WILL HELP ME GET A NEW START IN MY CRIMINAL CAREER!
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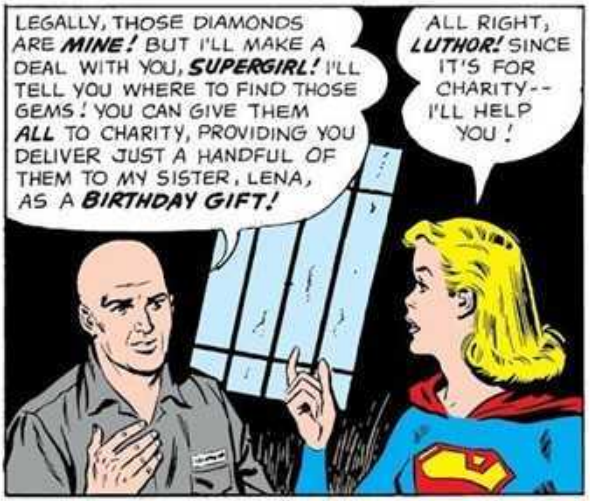
LEGALLY, THOSE DIAMONDS ARE MINE! BUT I'LL MAKE A DEAL WITH YOU, SUPERGIRL! I'LL TELL YOU WHERE TO FIND THOSE GEMS! YOU CAN GIVE THEM ALL TO CHARITY, PROVIDING YOU DELIVER JUST A HANDFUL OF THEM TO MY SISTER, LENA, AS A BIRTHDAY GIFT!
ALL RIGHT, LUTHOR! SINCE IT'S FOR CHARITY-- I'LL HELP YOU!

THE NEXT DAY, AS SUPERGIRL RIPS UP THE MASSIVE STONE FLOOR OF THE DESERTED LAB...
LUTHOR WASN'T LYING! I'LL GIVE THESE DIAMONDS TO THE ORPHANS' FUND, BUT I'LL SAVE A CHOICE HANDFUL FOR LENA! AND I'LL KEEP MY PROMISE TO LUTHOR NEVER TO TELL LENA HE IS HER BROTHER!

AND SOON, AT LENA'S HOME...
HAPPY BIRTHDAY, LENA! THESE DIAMONDS ARE A BIRTHDAY GIFT FOR YOU FROM AN UNKNOWN FRIEND WHOSE IDENTITY I CANNOT REVEAL! THEY ARE YOURS TO DO WITH AS YOU PLEASE!
FROM AN UNKNOWN FRIEND? THANKS, SUPERGIRL!
HMM... I WONDER WHO THAT FRIEND CAN BE?

BUT AS SUPERGIRL LEAVES...
IT'S DICK MALVERNE! CHOKE! HE'S VISITING LENA! I GUESS HE STILL THINKS SHE'S SUPERGIRL, OR HE WOULDN'T BE HANGING AROUND!

MEANWHILE...
THERE'S THE DOORBELL! I'LL PUT THESE DIAMONDS ON THE MANTELPIECE OF MY FIRE-PLACE WHILE I ANSWER IT!
RI NG!

BUT IN HER HASTE, LENA'S FUMBLING FINGERS DROP ONE OF THE JEWELS...
OH-OH! ONE OF THE DIAMONDS DROPPED INTO THAT COAL SCUTTLE! I'D BETTER PICK IT UP BEFORE IT GETS LOST!
COME IN, PLEASE!
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AS THE DOOR OPENS...
HI, LENA! I CAME HERE TO PICK UP THAT INTERESTING SPECIMEN YOU PROMISED ME FOR MY FATHER'S MINERAL COLLECTION!
OF COURSE, DICK! I'LL GIVE IT TO YOU AS SOON AS I TAKE THIS DIAMOND OUT OF THE COAL SCUTTLE!

TO DICK MALVERNE'S IMAGINATIVE BRAIN, LENA'S WORDS MEAN ONLY ONE THING...
THAT INTERESTING SPECIMEN YOU SPOKE ABOUT! I KNOW WHAT IT IS NOW! IT'S A DIAMOND WHICH YOU FORMED OUT OF COAL BY SQUEEZING IT WITH YOUR SUPER-STRENGTH!
DICK! YOU'RE ALL WRONG! I WAS GOING TO GIVE YOU THIS PIECE OF CORAL I PICKED UP ALONG THE SEASHORE ON MY LAST VACATION!

NO, LENA! THERE'S NO USE TRYING TO COVER UP! YOU CHANGED THAT COAL INTO A DIAMOND WITH A SUPER-SQUEEZE! IT'S TIME FOR YOU TO TELL ME THE TRUTH! ADMIT IT! YOU, LENA THORUL, ARE SUPERGIRL!
ALL RIGHT, THERE'S NO USE DENYING IT! I SUPPOSE I'D BETTER ADMIT I'M SUPERGIRL!
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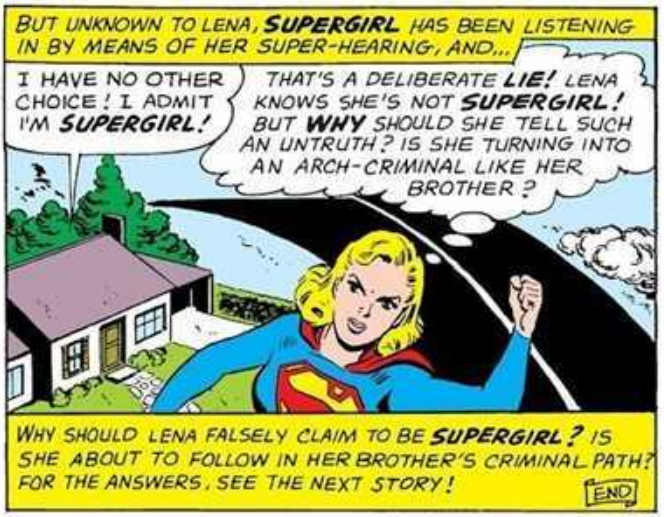
BUT UNKNOWN TO LENA, SUPERGIRL HAS BEEN LISTENING IN BY MEANS OF HER SUPER-HEARING, AND...
I HAVE NO OTHER CHOICE! I ADMIT I'M SUPERGIRL!
THAT'S A DELIBERATE LIE! LENA KNOWS SHE'S NOT SUPERGIRL! BUT WHY SHOULD SHE TELL SUCH AN UNTRUTH? IS SHE TURNING INTO AN ARCH-CRIMINAL LIKE HER BROTHER?
WHY SHOULD LENA FALSELY CLAIM TO BE SUPERGIRL? IS SHE ABOUT TO FOLLOW IN HER BROTHER'S CRIMINAL PATH? FOR THE ANSWERS, SEE THE NEXT STORY!
END

SUPERGIRL

SUPERGIRL
GASP! KRYPTONIAN CRIMINALS HAVE BROKEN OUT OF THE PHANTOM ZONE AND ARE MENACING THE EARTH! THEIR SUPER-WEAPONS ARE TOO MUCH FOR ME TO HANDLE ALONE! I'VE GOT TO SPEED INTO THE PAST TO WARN SUPERMAN! CHOKE! BUT I CAN'T GET THROUGH! SOME POWERFUL FORCE IS BLOCKING ME!
HA, HA! THE FORCE-FIELD GENERATED BY MY POWER BELT HAS SEALED THE TIME-BARRIER! NO ONE CAN ENTER OR LEAVE THE PRESENT UNTIL WE HAVE CONQUERED THE EARTH!
TIME AND AGAIN SUPERMAN HAS RELIED ON SUPER-GIRL TO HANDLE ALL EMERGENCIES WHILE HE IS ABSENT! AND ON EACH OCCASION THE GIRL OF STEEL HAS BEEN EQUAL TO THE TASK! BUT SUDDENLY, CATASTROPHE STRIKES, AS THE MOST CUNNING CRIMINALS OF ALL TIME POOL THEIR MALEVOLENT GENIUS TO ENSLAVE THE WORLD! IT'S A WAR TO THE FINISH... A LAST-DITCH BATTLE OF SURVIVAL FOR SUPERGIRL WHEN SHE HAS TO FACE...
The FORBIDDEN WEAPONS of KRYPTON!

ONE DAY, AS SUPERGIRL VISITS THE HOME OF LENA THORUL IN MIDVALE...
HAPPY BIRTHDAY, LENA! THESE DIAMONDS ARE A BIRTHDAY GIFT FOR YOU FROM AN UNKNOWN FRIEND WHOSE NAME I CAN-NOT REVEAL! THEY ARE YOURS TO DO WITH AS YOU PLEASE!
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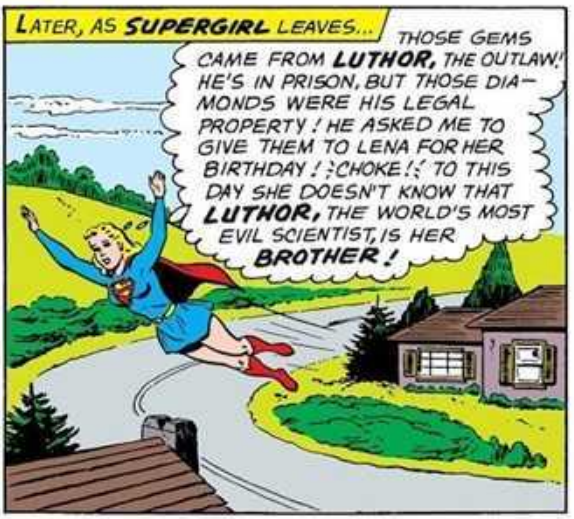
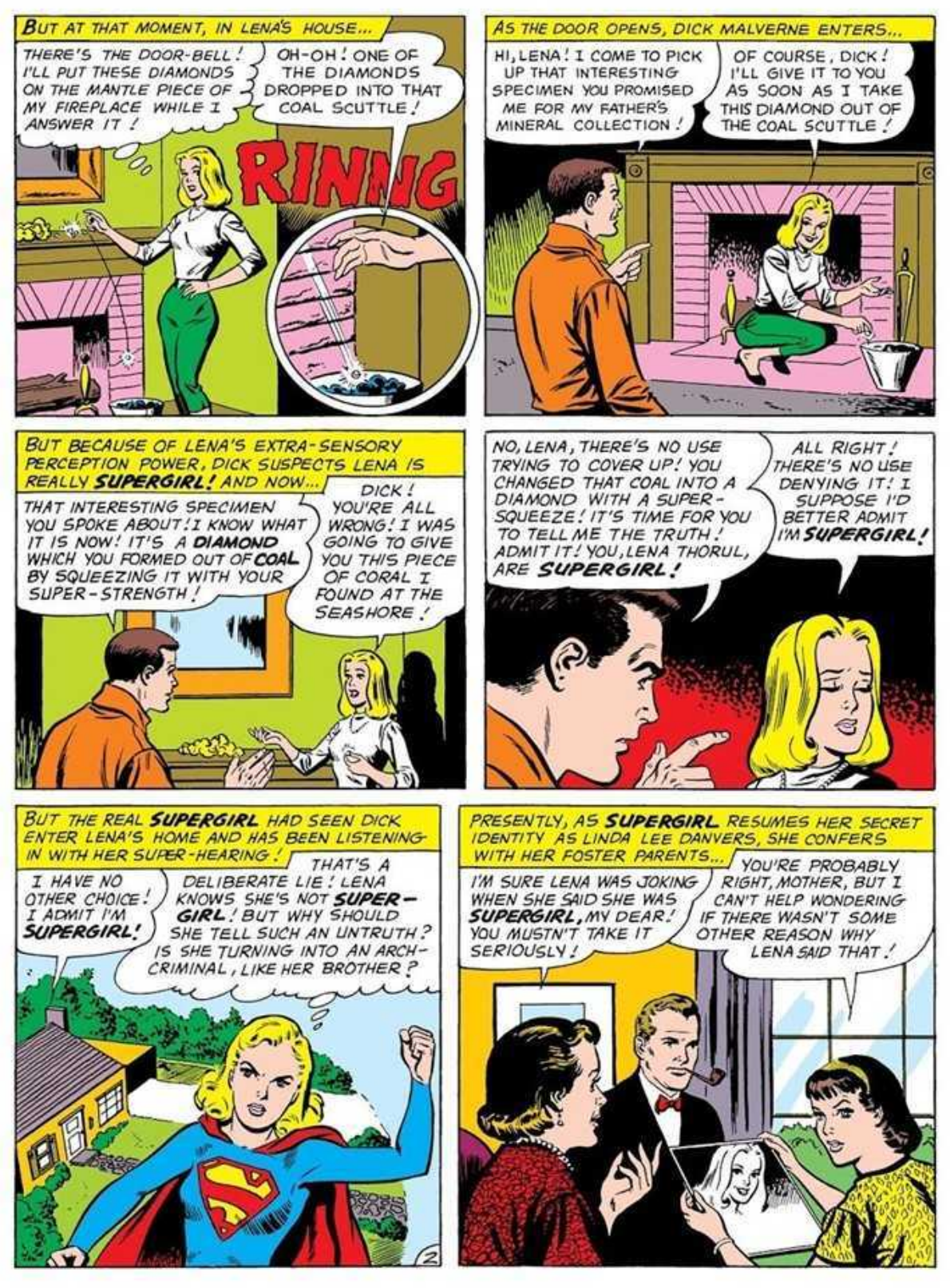

LATER, AS SUPERGIRL LEAVES...
THOSE GEMS CAME FROM LUTHOR, THE OUTLAW! HE'S IN PRISON, BUT THOSE DIA-MONDS WERE HIS LEGAL PROPERTY! HE ASKED ME TO GIVE THEM TO LENA FOR HER BIRTHDAY! CHOKE! TO THIS DAY SHE DOESN'T KNOW THAT LUTHOR, THE WORLD'S MOST EVIL SCIENTIST, IS HER BROTHER!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HI, LENA! I COME TO PICK UP THAT INTERESTING SPECIMEN YOU PROMISED ME FOR MY FATHER'S MINERAL COLLECTION!
OF COURSE, DICK! I'LL GIVE IT TO YOU AS SOON AS I TAKE THIS DIAMOND OUT OF THE COAL SCUTTLE!
BUT BECAUSE OF LENA'S EXTRA-SENSORY PERCEPTION POWER, DICK SUSPECTS LENA IS REALLY SUPERGIRL! AND NOW...
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ALL RIGHT! THERE'S NO USE DENYING IT! I SUPPOSE I'D BETTER ADMIT I'M SUPERGIRL!
BUT THE REAL SUPERGIRL HAD SEEN DICK ENTER LENA'S HOME AND HAS BEEN LISTENING IN WITH HER SUPER-HEARING!
I HAVE NO OTHER CHOICE! I ADMIT I'M SUPERGIRL!
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PRESENTLY, AS SUPERGIRL RESUMES HER SECRET IDENTITY AS LINDA LEE DANVERS, SHE CONFERS WITH HER FOSTER PARENTS...
I'M SURE LENA WAS JOKING WHEN SHE SAID SHE WAS SUPERGIRL, MY DEAR! YOU MUSTN'T TAKE IT SERIOUSLY!
YOU'RE PROBABLY RIGHT, MOTHER, BUT I CAN'T HELP WONDERING IF THERE WASN'T SOME OTHER REASON WHY LENA SAID THAT!

YES, **SUPERGIRL!** THERE IS A REASON FOR LENA'S STRANGE STATEMENT! BUT TO DISCOVER WHAT IT IS WE MUST VISIT **SUPERMAN'S FORTRESS OF SOLITUDE** AND THE CITY OF **KANDOR**... WHICH WAS REDUCED IN SIZE AND SEALED IN A BOTTLE BY THE SPACE VILLAIN **BRAINIAC** BEFORE **KRYPTON** EXPLODED!

AND FLASH BACK TO A SCENE INSIDE A KANDORIAN PRISON WHICH OCCURRED NOT LONG AGO...

GREAT KRYPTON! LESLA-LAR, THE GIRL SCIENCE CRIMINAL, HAS ESCAPED BY SHORT-CIRCUITING THE ENERGY BARS OF HER CELL!

SHE'S **KANDOR**'S MOST DANGEROUS OUTLAW! BUT LUCKILY WE DESTROYED HER LABORATORY WHEN WE CAPTURED HER!

BUT, UNKNOWN TO THE AUTHORITIES, LESLA-LAR HAD FLED TO HER SECRET LABORATORY!

SUPERGIRL! THE ONE PERSON I HATE AND ENVY! BECAUSE I ONCE TRIED TO STEAL HER PLACE ON EARTH BY MEANS OF A TELEPORT RAY, I WAS SENTENCED TO PRISON! BUT NOW THAT I'VE ESCAPED, I'LL HAVE MY REVENGE!

THEN, WHEN DICK MALVERNE VISITED LENA, LESLA-LAR AIMED AN EERIE RAY ON THE VIEWER SCREEN, AND...

YES, DICK! I ADMIT I'M **SUPERGIRL!**

HA, HA! I'VE TAKEN OVER LENA THORUL'S MIND WITH THIS THOUGHT CONTROL MACHINE! I MADE HER SAY SHE WAS **SUPERGIRL**! I KNOW THAT THE REAL **SUPERGIRL** IS LISTENING IN, SO THIS SHOULD GIVE HER SOMETHING TO WORRY ABOUT!

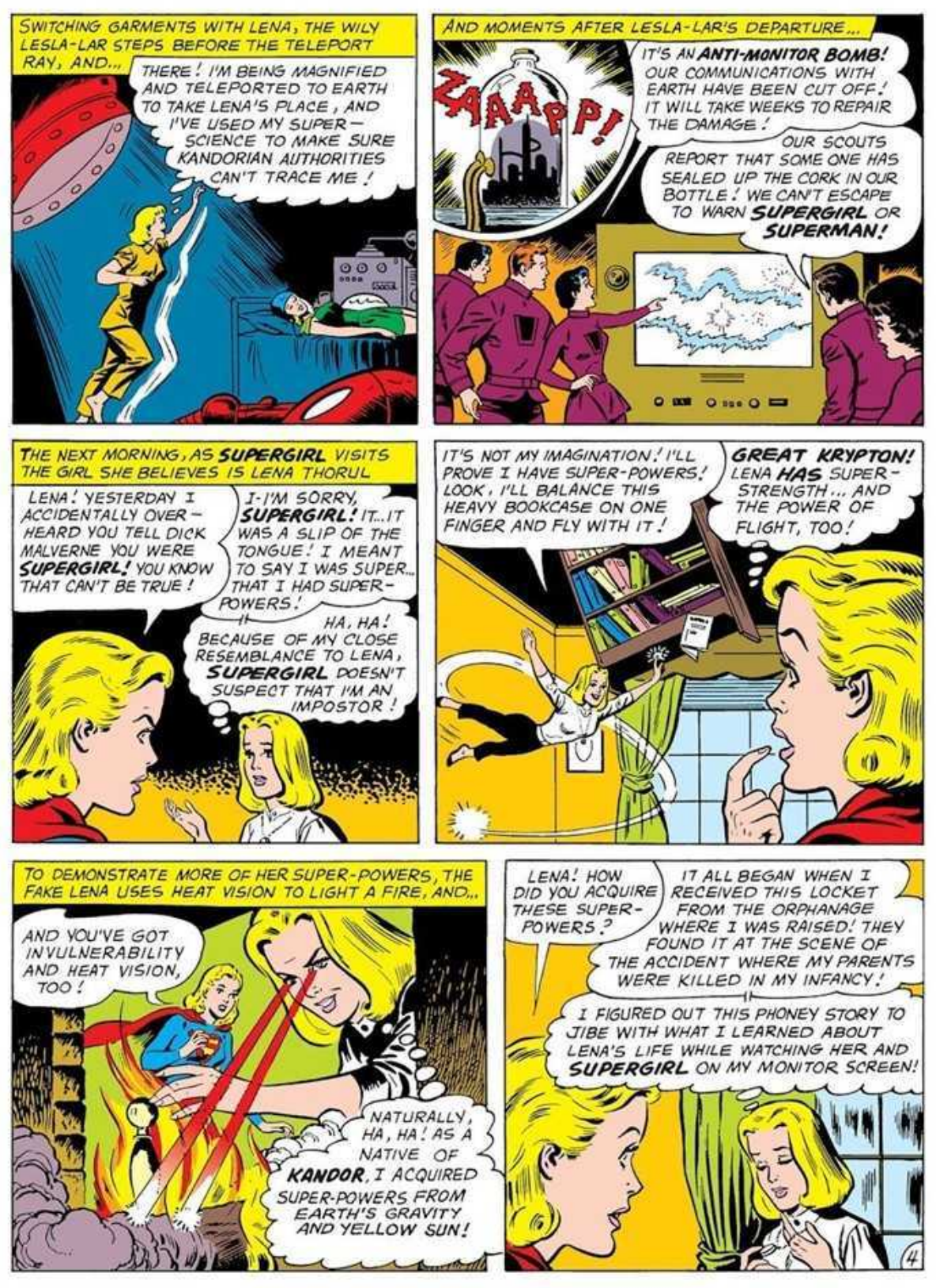
NOW, LET US RETURN TO THE PRESENT, AS LESLA-LAR FOCUSES ANOTHER STRANGE DEVICE...

SHE'S SLEEPING! MY TELEPORT RAY IS CAUSING HER BODY TO SHRINK AND VANISH! IN ANOTHER SECOND, SHE'LL MATERIALIZE HERE IN **KANDOR!**

AFTER THE SLUMBERING LENA MATERIALIZES IN THE LABORATORY...

FORGET YOUR LENA THORUL IDENTITY! YOU ARE LESLA-LAR, A KANDORIAN GIRL SCIENTIST! YOU NEVER MET **SUPERGIRL**!...

MY BRAIN-WASHING HELMET WILL ERASE LENA'S MEMORIES AND REPLACE THEM WITH SELECTED DETAILS OF MY LIFE HERE ON **KANDOR!** WHEN SHE AWAKENS SHE'LL BELIEVE **SHE'S ME!**


SWITCHING GARMENTS WITH LENA, THE WILY LESLA-LAR STEPS BEFORE THE TELEPORT RAY, AND...
THERE! I'M BEING MAGNIFIED AND TELEPORTED TO EARTH TO TAKE LENA'S PLACE, AND I'VE USED MY SUPER-SCIENCE TO MAKE SURE KANDORIAN AUTHORITIES CAN'T TRACE ME!
AND MOMENTS AFTER LESLA-LAR'S DEPARTURE...
ZAAAPP!
IT'S AN ANTI-MONITOR BOMB! OUR COMMUNICATIONS WITH EARTH HAVE BEEN CUT OFF! IT WILL TAKE WEEKS TO REPAIR THE DAMAGE!
OUR SCOUTS REPORT THAT SOME ONE HAS SEALED UP THE CORK IN OUR BOTTLE! WE CAN'T ESCAPE TO WARN SUPERGIRL OR SUPERMAN!
THE NEXT MORNING, AS SUPERGIRL VISITS THE GIRL SHE BELIEVES IS LENA THORUL
LENA! YESTERDAY I ACCIDENTALLY OVER-HEARD YOU TELL DICK MALVERNE YOU WERE SUPERGIRL! YOU KNOW THAT CAN'T BE TRUE!
I-I'M SORRY, SUPERGIRL! IT...IT WAS A SLIP OF THE TONGUE! I MEANT TO SAY I WAS SUPER... THAT I HAD SUPER-POWERS!
HA, HA! BECAUSE OF MY CLOSE RESEMBLANCE TO LENA, SUPERGIRL DOESN'T SUSPECT THAT I'M AN IMPOSTOR!
IT'S NOT MY IMAGINATION! I'LL PROVE I HAVE SUPER-POWERS! LOOK, I'LL BALANCE THIS HEAVY BOOKCASE ON ONE FINGER AND FLY WITH IT!
GREAT KRYPTON! LENA HAS SUPER-STRENGTH... AND THE POWER OF FLIGHT, TOO!
TO DEMONSTRATE MORE OF HER SUPER-POWERS, THE FAKE LENA USES HEAT VISION TO LIGHT A FIRE, AND...
AND YOU'VE GOT INVULNERABILITY AND HEAT VISION, TOO!
NATURALLY, HA, HA! AS A NATIVE OF KANDOR, I ACQUIRED SUPER-POWERS FROM EARTH'S GRAVITY AND YELLOW SUN!
LENA! HOW DID YOU ACQUIRE THESE SUPER-POWERS?
IT ALL BEGAN WHEN I RECEIVED THIS LOCKET FROM THE ORPHANAGE WHERE I WAS RAISED! THEY FOUND IT AT THE SCENE OF THE ACCIDENT WHERE MY PARENTS WERE KILLED IN MY INFANCY!
I FIGURED OUT THIS PHONEY STORY TO JIBE WITH WHAT I LEARNED ABOUT LENA'S LIFE WHILE WATCHING HER AND SUPERGIRL ON MY MONITOR SCREEN!
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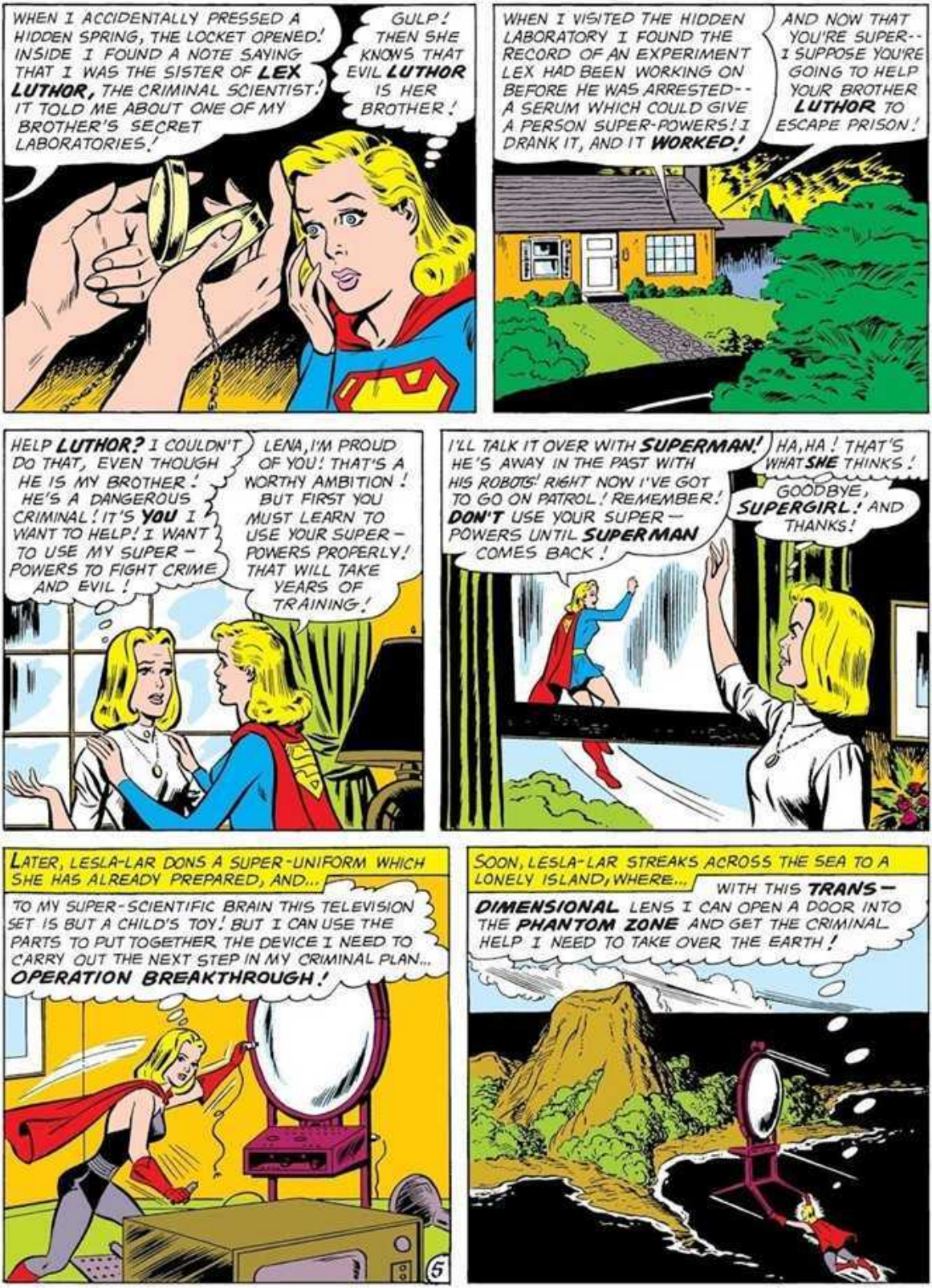
WHEN I ACCIDENTALLY PRESSED A HIDDEN SPRING, THE LOCKET OPENED! INSIDE I FOUND A NOTE SAYING THAT I WAS THE SISTER OF LEX LUTHOR, THE CRIMINAL SCIENTIST! IT TOLD ME ABOUT ONE OF MY BROTHER'S SECRET LABORATORIES!
GULP! THEN SHE KNOWS THAT EVIL LUTHOR IS HER BROTHER!
WHEN I VISITED THE HIDDEN LABORATORY I FOUND THE RECORD OF AN EXPERIMENT LEX HAD BEEN WORKING ON BEFORE HE WAS ARRESTED-- A SERUM WHICH COULD GIVE A PERSON SUPER-POWERS! I DRANK IT, AND IT WORKED!
AND NOW THAT YOU'RE SUPER-- I SUPPOSE YOU'RE GOING TO HELP YOUR BROTHER LUTHOR TO ESCAPE PRISON!
HELP LUTHOR? I COULDN'T DO THAT, EVEN THOUGH HE IS MY BROTHER! HE'S A DANGEROUS CRIMINAL! IT'S YOU I WANT TO HELP! I WANT TO USE MY SUPER-POWERS TO FIGHT CRIME AND EVIL!
LENA, I'M PROUD OF YOU! THAT'S A WORTHY AMBITION! BUT FIRST YOU MUST LEARN TO USE YOUR SUPER-POWERS PROPERLY! THAT WILL TAKE YEARS OF TRAINING!
I'LL TALK IT OVER WITH SUPERMAN! HE'S AWAY IN THE PAST WITH HIS ROBOTS! RIGHT NOW I'VE GOT TO GO ON PATROL! REMEMBER! DON'T USE YOUR SUPER-POWERS UNTIL SUPERMAN COMES BACK!
HA, HA! THAT'S WHAT SHE THINKS!
GOODBYE, SUPERGIRL! AND THANKS!
LATER, LESLA-LAR DONS A SUPER-UNIFORM WHICH SHE HAS ALREADY PREPARED, AND...
TO MY SUPER-SCIENTIFIC BRAIN THIS TELEVISION SET IS BUT A CHILD'S TOY! BUT I CAN USE THE PARTS TO PUT TOGETHER THE DEVICE I NEED TO CARRY OUT THE NEXT STEP IN MY CRIMINAL PLAN... OPERATION BREAKTHROUGH!
SOON, LESLA-LAR STREAKS ACROSS THE SEA TO A LONELY ISLAND, WHERE...
WITH THIS TRANS-DIMENSIONAL LENS I CAN OPEN A DOOR INTO THE PHANTOM ZONE AND GET THE CRIMINAL HELP I NEED TO TAKE OVER THE EARTH!
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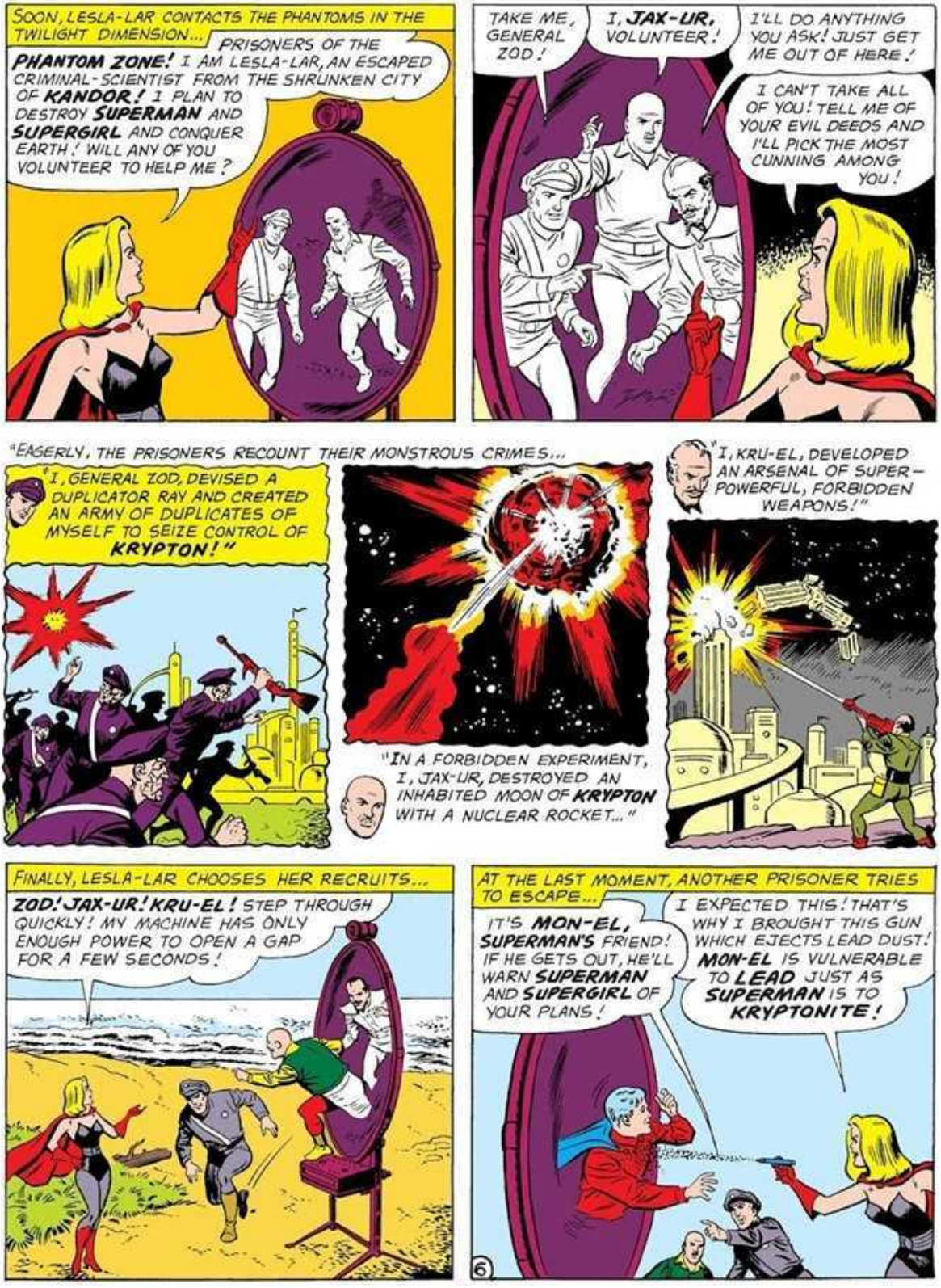
SOON, LESLA-LAR CONTACTS THE PHANTOMS IN THE TWILIGHT DIMENSION...
PRISONERS OF THE PHANTOM ZONE! I AM LESLA-LAR, AN ESCAPED CRIMINAL-SCIENTIST FROM THE SHRUNKEN CITY OF KANDOR! I PLAN TO DESTROY SUPERMAN AND SUPERGIRL AND CONQUER EARTH! WILL ANY OF YOU VOLUNTEER TO HELP ME?
TAKE ME, GENERAL ZOD!
I, JAX-UR, VOLUNTEER!
I'LL DO ANYTHING YOU ASK! JUST GET ME OUT OF HERE!
I CAN'T TAKE ALL OF YOU! TELL ME OF YOUR EVIL DEEDS AND I'LL PICK THE MOST CUNNING AMONG YOU!
"EAGERLY, THE PRISONERS RECOUNT THEIR MONSTROUS CRIMES...
"I, GENERAL ZOD, DEVISED A DUPLICATOR RAY AND CREATED AN ARMY OF DUPLICATES OF MYSELF TO SEIZE CONTROL OF KRYPTON!"
"IN A FORBIDDEN EXPERIMENT, I, JAX-UR, DESTROYED AN INHABITED MOON OF KRYPTON WITH A NUCLEAR ROCKET..."
"I, KRU-EL, DEVELOPED AN ARSENAL OF SUPER-POWERFUL, FORBIDDEN WEAPONS!"
FINALLY, LESLA-LAR CHOOSES HER RECRUITS...
ZOD! JAX-UR! KRU-EL! STEP THROUGH QUICKLY! MY MACHINE HAS ONLY ENOUGH POWER TO OPEN A GAP FOR A FEW SECONDS!
AT THE LAST MOMENT, ANOTHER PRISONER TRIES TO ESCAPE...
IT'S MON-EL, SUPERMAN'S FRIEND! IF HE GETS OUT, HE'LL WARN SUPERMAN AND SUPERGIRL OF YOUR PLANS!
I EXPECTED THIS! THAT'S WHY I BROUGHT THIS GUN WHICH EJECTS LEAD DUST! MON-EL IS VULNERABLE TO LEAD JUST AS SUPERMAN IS TO KRYPTONITE!
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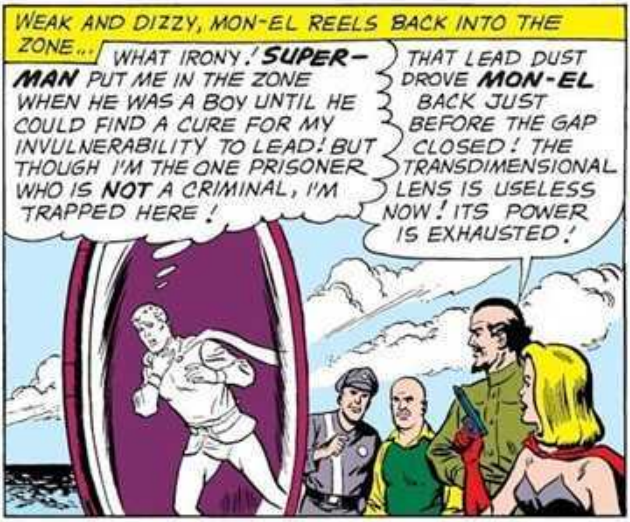
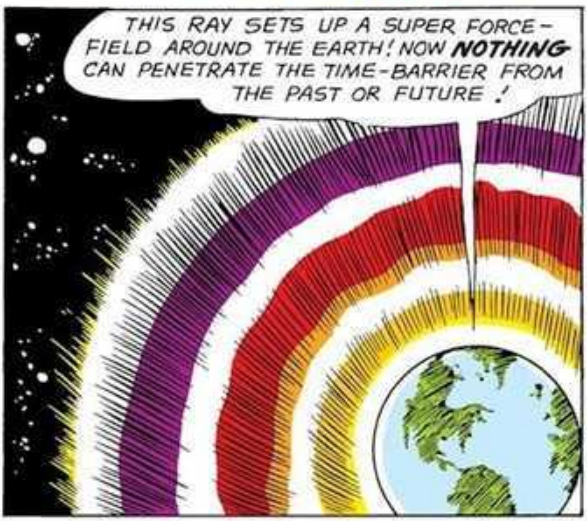
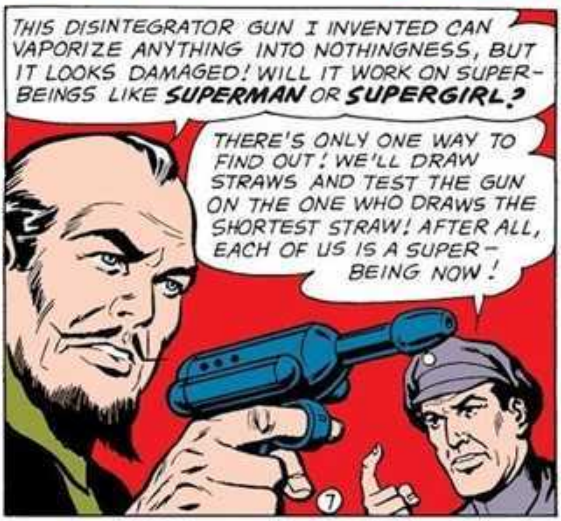

WEAK AND DIZZY, MON-EL REELS BACK INTO THE ZONE...
WHAT IRONY! SUPERMAN PUT ME IN THE ZONE WHEN HE WAS A BOY UNTIL HE COULD FIND A CURE FOR MY INVULNERABILITY TO LEAD! BUT THOUGH I'M THE ONE PRISONER WHO IS NOT A CRIMINAL, I'M TRAPPED HERE!
THAT LEAD DUST DROVE MON-EL BACK JUST BEFORE THE GAP CLOSED! THE TRANSDIMENSIONAL LENS IS USELESS NOW! ITS POWER IS EXHAUSTED!

AND NOW TO PLOT OUR CONQUEST! A PITY WE HAVEN'T THOSE WEAPONS YOU INVENTED, KRU-EL! THEY WERE PROBABLY DESTROYED WHEN KRYPTON BLEW UP!
YOU'RE WRONG! JOR-EL HAD THEM SEALED IN A BOX AND SHOT INTO SPACE! BUT LATER THEY FELL TO EARTH! SUPERMAN FOUND THEM AND HID THEM DEEP IN THE OCEAN WHEN HE WAS A BOY! I KNOW WHERE THEY ARE!

IN THE EARTH'S ENVIRONMENT, THE KRYPTONIAN CRIMINALS HAVE GAINED SUPER-POWERS! NOW, USING HIS SUPER-VISION, KRU-EL STREAKS UNDER THE SEA, AND...
THERE IT IS NOW! THE ARSENAL OF FORBIDDEN WEAPONS!

SOON, ON THE ISLAND, AS KRU-EL UNPACKS THE ARSENAL...
WE'LL NEED EVERY WEAPON WE CAN GET! SUPERMAN MAY RETURN FROM THE PAST AT ANY MOMENT! AND THE LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES MAY JOURNEY FROM THE FUTURE TO STOP US!
DON'T WORRY! THIS FORCE-BEAM WILL SOLVE THAT PROBLEM! ALL I DO IS PRESS THIS BUTTON, AND...


THIS RAY SETS UP A SUPER FORCE-FIELD AROUND THE EARTH! NOW NOTHING CAN PENETRATE THE TIME-BARRIER FROM THE PAST OR FUTURE!


THIS DISINTEGRATOR GUN I INVENTED CAN VAPORIZE ANYTHING INTO NOTHINGNESS, BUT IT LOOKS DAMAGED! WILL IT WORK ON SUPER-BEINGS LIKE SUPERMAN OR SUPERGIRL?
THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO FIND OUT! WE'LL DRAW STRAWS AND TEST THE GUN ON THE ONE WHO DRAWS THE SHORTEST STRAW! AFTER ALL, EACH OF US IS A SUPER-BEING NOW!

BUT BY AN IRONY OF FATE, IT IS LESLA-LAR WHO LOSES THE DRAW...
BUT YOU CAN'T DISINTEGRATE ME! IT WAS I WHO FREED YOU FROM THE PHANTOM ZONE! IT WAS I WHO...
ENOUGH OF YOUR WHINING! YOU TOOK YOUR CHANCES WITH THE REST OF US! HOLD STILL WHILE I...
IT WORKED! LESLA-LAR WAS VAPORIZED! SHE DISINTEGRATED INTO AN ATOMIC MIST!
YES! BUT UNFORTUNATELY, THE GUN SHORT-CIRCUITED! IT CAN NEVER BE USED AGAIN.
ZZZZZZZZZ
ZAAPP
BUT SO POWERFUL WAS THE RAY'S BEAM THAT IT HAS REACHED OUT AND VAPORIZED THE BASE OF A HUGE MOUNTAIN NEARBY!
LOOK! THAT MOUNTAIN! YOUR RAY WEAKENED IT! THE WHOLE MOUNTAIN IS TOPPLING!
ULP! IT'S AN EARTHQUAKE!
MOMENTS LATER, AS SUPERGIRL SWOOPS ACROSS THE OCEAN ON PATROL, SHE RECEIVES A TELEPATHIC MESSAGE WHICH SHE CHECKS WITH HER TELESCOPIC VISION...
LORI LEMARIS CALLING SUPERGIRL! ATLANTIS IS IN GREAT DANGER! AN EARTHQUAKE HAS SET VAST FORCES OF NATURE IN MOTION! THE CITY IS RISING FROM THE SEA!
GOOD GRIEF! THE TOWERS OF THE CITY ARE ALREADY PROJECTING OVER THE SURFACE! SOMETHING MUST BE DONE!
SWOOPING OVER ATLANTIS, SUPERGIRL VIEWS THE DISASTER GRIMLY...
SUPERGIRL, HELP US!
GASP! IF WE DON'T GET BACK IN THE WATER SOON, WE'LL SUFFOCATE HERE IN THE OPEN AIR!
GREAT KRYPTON! I'VE GOT TO WORK FAST OR THERE'LL BE A MAJOR TRAGEDY!
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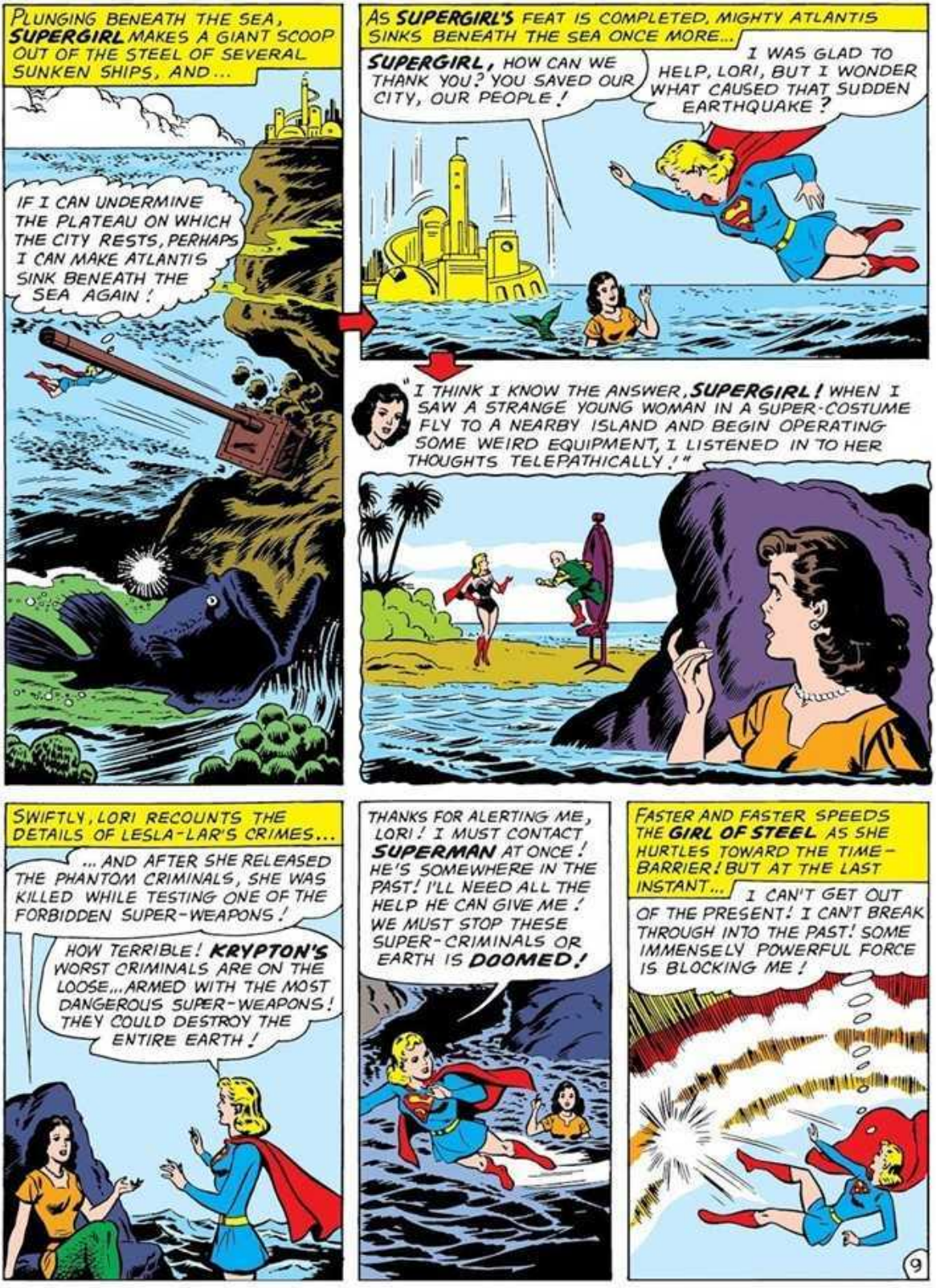
PLUNGING BENEATH THE SEA, SUPERGIRL MAKES A GIANT SCOOP OUT OF THE STEEL OF SEVERAL SUNKEN SHIPS, AND...
IF I CAN UNDERMINE THE PLATEAU ON WHICH THE CITY RESTS, PERHAPS I CAN MAKE ATLANTIS SINK BENEATH THE SEA AGAIN!
AS SUPERGIRL'S FEAT IS COMPLETED, MIGHTY ATLANTIS SINKS BENEATH THE SEA ONCE MORE...
SUPERGIRL, HOW CAN WE THANK YOU? YOU SAVED OUR CITY, OUR PEOPLE!
I WAS GLAD TO HELP, LORI, BUT I WONDER WHAT CAUSED THAT SUDDEN EARTHQUAKE?
"I THINK I KNOW THE ANSWER, SUPERGIRL! WHEN I SAW A STRANGE YOUNG WOMAN IN A SUPER-COSTUME FLY TO A NEARBY ISLAND AND BEGIN OPERATING SOME WEIRD EQUIPMENT, I LISTENED IN TO HER THOUGHTS TELEPATHICALLY!"
SWIFTLY, LORI RECOUNTS THE DETAILS OF LESLA-LAR'S CRIMES...
... AND AFTER SHE RELEASED THE PHANTOM CRIMINALS, SHE WAS KILLED WHILE TESTING ONE OF THE FORBIDDEN SUPER-WEAPONS!
HOW TERRIBLE! KRYPTON'S WORST CRIMINALS ARE ON THE LOOSE... ARMED WITH THE MOST DANGEROUS SUPER-WEAPONS! THEY COULD DESTROY THE ENTIRE EARTH!
THANKS FOR ALERTING ME, LORI! I MUST CONTACT SUPERMAN AT ONCE! HE'S SOMEWHERE IN THE PAST! I'LL NEED ALL THE HELP HE CAN GIVE ME! WE MUST STOP THESE SUPER-CRIMINALS OR EARTH IS DOOMED!
FASTER AND FASTER SPEEDS THE GIRL OF STEEL AS SHE HURTLES TOWARD THE TIME-BARRIER! BUT AT THE LAST INSTANT...
I CAN'T GET OUT OF THE PRESENT! I CAN'T BREAK THROUGH INTO THE PAST! SOME IMMENSELY POWERFUL FORCE IS BLOCKING ME!
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FAR BELOW, THE THREE SUPER-VILLAINS WATCH SUPERGIRL'S PLIGHT WITH GLEE...
HA, HA! SHE'S WASTING HER ENERGY! SHE'LL NEVER CRACK THE TIME-BARRIER! SO LONG AS THAT FORCE-FIELD GENERATOR IS OPERATING, NO ONE CAN ENTER OR LEAVE THE PRESENT!
SECONDS LATER, SUPERGIRL SPOTS HER SUPER-ENEMIES!
AND THE FORCE-FIELD WORKS IN REVERSE, TOO! SUPERMAN MUST REMAIN IN THE PAST, AND THE LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES CANNOT PENETRATE FROM THE FUTURE! EARTH IS AT OUR MERCY!
DON'T BE TOO SURE OF THAT! SUPERGIRL HAS SEEN US! HERE SHE COMES!
LOOK! SHE'S GONE BESERK! SHE'S TEARING UP THAT ROW OF GIANT PALM TREES!
THE IMPACT WITH THE TIME-BARRIER AT SUPER-SPEED MUST HAVE AFFECTED SUPERGIRL'S... BRAIN!
BUT WITH HER AMAZING SUPER-STRENGTH, THE MAID OF STEEL HURLS THE GIANT PALMS LIKE HUGE DARTS...
THOSE JAGGED TREES! THEY'LL SPEAR US!
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BUT A STARTLING INSTANT LATER...
FOOLS! WHAT ARE YOU AFRAID OF? THOSE GIANT DARTS CAN'T HARM US! WE'RE SUPER!
OF COURSE! I FORGOT! OUR INVULNERABLE BODIES WILL SPLINTER THOSE TREES INTO MATCHWOOD, HA, HA!

I KNOW THOSE KRYPTONIAN CRIMINALS ARE SUPER! CHOKE! BUT I JUST CAN'T STAND HERE AND DO NOTHING! I'LL THROW THIS BOULDER AT THEM!
THE FOOL--SHE'S STILL ATTACKING! WE'LL TEACH HER A LESSON! FOCUS YOUR HEAT-VISION ON THAT ROCK, MEN!
THE COMBINED POWER OF THE CRIMINALS' HEAT-VISION INTERCEPTS THE BOULDER IN MID-AIR AND MELTS IT INTO A TORRENT OF HOT LAVA...
HISSSS
BUT WHEN THE SUPER-DUEL IS OVER...
I KNOW YOUR PLANS FOR CONQUERING THE EARTH, BUT IT'S A STAND-OFF! NO MATTER WHAT EVIL DEEDS YOU TRY WITH YOUR SUPER-POWERS, I'LL USE MY SUPER-POWERS TO BLOCK YOU!
YOU FORGET, SUPERGIRL, WE HAVE OUR ARSENAL OF FORBIDDEN WEAPONS! THEY'RE THE MIGHTIEST WEAPONS OF KRYPTON! IN EARTH'S ATMOSPHERE AND GRAVITY, THEY CAN EVEN AFFECT SUPER-BEINGS LIKE YOU!
I'LL DEMONSTRATE! SEE THIS BELT I'M WEARING? I PRESS THIS BUTTON, AND THIS RAY INFECTS YOU WITH THE DREADED PLANT SCOURGE!
A PLANT SCOURGE! GULP! THAT PROBABLY MEANS MY PRESENCE WILL DESTROY ANY PLANT I COME NEAR!
HA, HA! YOUR PLANT SCOURGE IS A FLOP! LOOK! ALL THE FLOWERS, TREES, AND VINES AROUND ME ARE STRONG AND HEALTHY!
AH, YES, BUT OBSERVE THAT FLOCK OF PARROTS WHICH IS ABOUT TO PERCH ON THAT TREE NEAR YOU!
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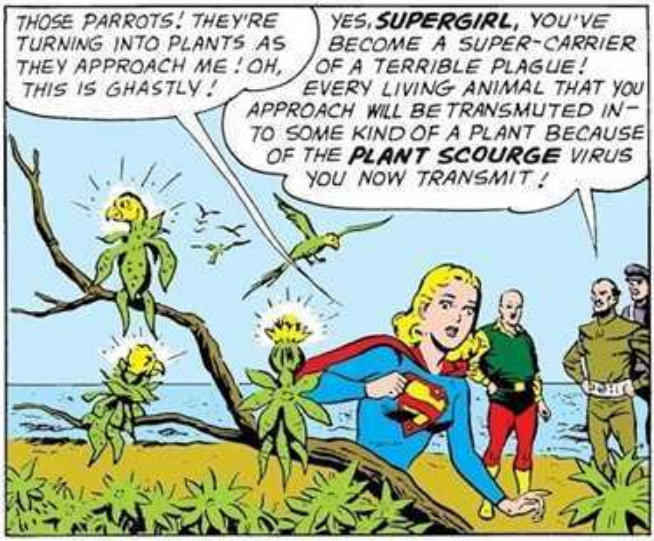
THOSE PARROTS! THEY'RE TURNING INTO PLANTS AS THEY APPROACH ME! OH, THIS IS GHASTLY!
YES, SUPERGIRL, YOU'VE BECOME A SUPER-CARRIER OF A TERRIBLE PLAGUE! EVERY LIVING ANIMAL THAT YOU APPROACH WILL BE TRANSMUTED INTO SOME KIND OF A PLANT BECAUSE OF THE PLANT SCOURGE VIRUS YOU NOW TRANSMIT!

YES, WE PLAN TO RULE THE HUMAN RACE, SUPERGIRL! BUT IF YOU TRY TO HELP THEM FIGHT US, THE PLANT SCOURGE WILL TURN EVERY LIVING CREATURE INTO A PLANT!
GREAT KRYPTON! I'M A DANGER TO ALL ANIMAL LIFE ON EARTH! I'D BETTER FIND SOME DESERTED ISLAND WHERE I CAN ISOLATE MYSELF!

ISOLATING HERSELF ON A DISTANT CORAL ISLE, SUPERGIRL WATCHES THE EVIL-DOERS GLOAT OVER THEIR WEAPONS...
AND WITH THIS MACHINE, I CAN HURL THE ENTIRE EARTH A MILLION YEARS BACK IN TIME!
PLANT PLAGUES! TRANSMUTATION RAYS! TIME MACHINES! CHOKE! WHAT DIABOLICAL WEAPONS! AND I'M HELPLESS TO STOP THEM!

I CAN'T BREAK THROUGH THE TIME-BARRIER TO REACH SUPERMAN! AND THE SUPERMAN EMERGENCY SQUAD IS SEALED IN THE BOTTLE OF KANDOR! THERE'S ONLY ONE PERSON ON EARTH WHO CAN HELP ME NOW! LEX LUTHOR!

LUTHOR IS THE WORLD'S MOST EVIL CRIMINAL SCIENTIST! EVEN NOW HE'S IN SOLITARY CONFINEMENT FOR HIS CRIMES! BUT I HAVE NO CHOICE! EARTH'S SURVIVAL IS AT STAKE!
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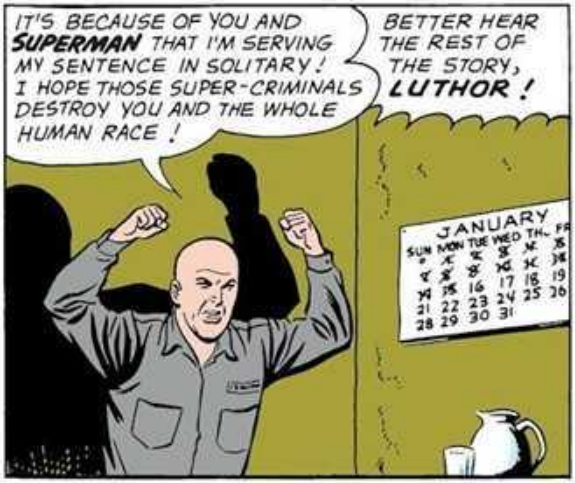
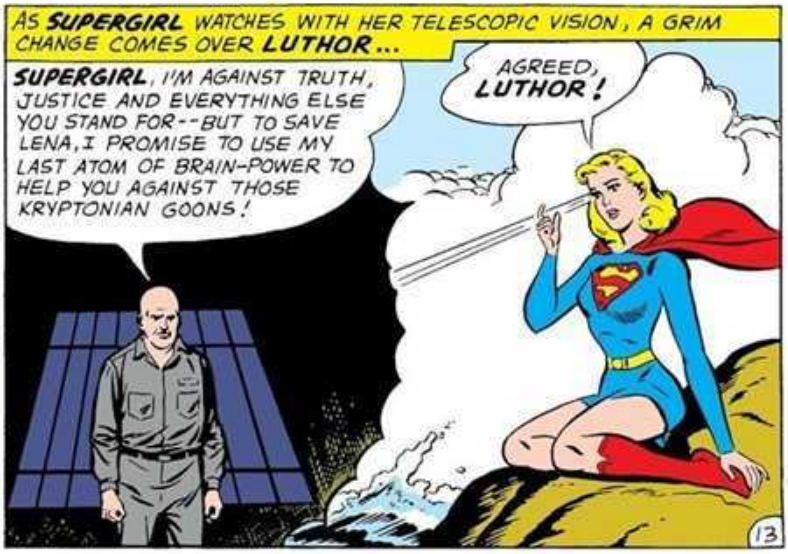
USING SUPER-VENTRILOQUISM, SUPERGIRL SENDS HER VOICE ACROSS SEAS AND CONTINENTS TO REACH LUTHOR'S CELL...
ATTENTION, LUTHOR! THIS IS SUPERGIRL TALKING TO YOU BY MEANS OF SUPER-VENTRILOQUISM! THE DEADLIEST CRIMINALS OF THE PHANTOM ZONE HAVE ESCAPED! THE EARTH IS IN DANGER! ONLY YOUR SCIENTIFIC GENIUS CAN HELP ME!
HELP YOU! HA, HA! THAT'S A HOT ONE!


IT'S BECAUSE OF YOU AND SUPERMAN THAT I'M SERVING MY SENTENCE IN SOLITARY! I HOPE THOSE SUPER-CRIMINALS DESTROY YOU AND THE WHOLE HUMAN RACE!
BETTER HEAR THE REST OF THE STORY, LUTHOR!
JANUARY

AS PART OF THE ESCAPE PLAN, YOUR SISTER LENA WAS REDUCED TO TINY SIZE AND SEALED UP IN THE BOTTLE OF KANDOR! TO SAVE HER, YOU'LL HAVE TO HELP ME!
MY KID SISTER, LENA! SHRUNKEN! DOOMED TO LIVE IN THAT BOTTLED CITY! CHOKE!


AS SUPERGIRL WATCHES WITH HER TELESCOPIC VISION, A GRIM CHANGE COMES OVER LUTHOR...
SUPERGIRL, I'M AGAINST TRUTH, JUSTICE AND EVERYTHING ELSE YOU STAND FOR--BUT TO SAVE LENA, I PROMISE TO USE MY LAST ATOM OF BRAIN-POWER TO HELP YOU AGAINST THOSE KRYPTONIAN GOONS!
AGREED, LUTHOR!
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YES, IT'S INCREDIBLE, BUT TRUE! AFTER YEARS OF CRIME AND EVIL, **LUTHOR** HAS BECOME AN ALLY OF **SUPERGIRL!** BUT IS **LUTHOR'S** CRIMINAL GENIUS A MATCH FOR THE SUPER-CUNNING OF **JAX-UR, GENERAL ZOD** AND **KRU-EL?** CAN HE HELP **SUPERGIRL** SAVE THE EARTH FROM CATASTROPHE? FOR THE SURPRISE ANSWER, READ THE NEXT ISSUE OF **ACTION COMICS!**

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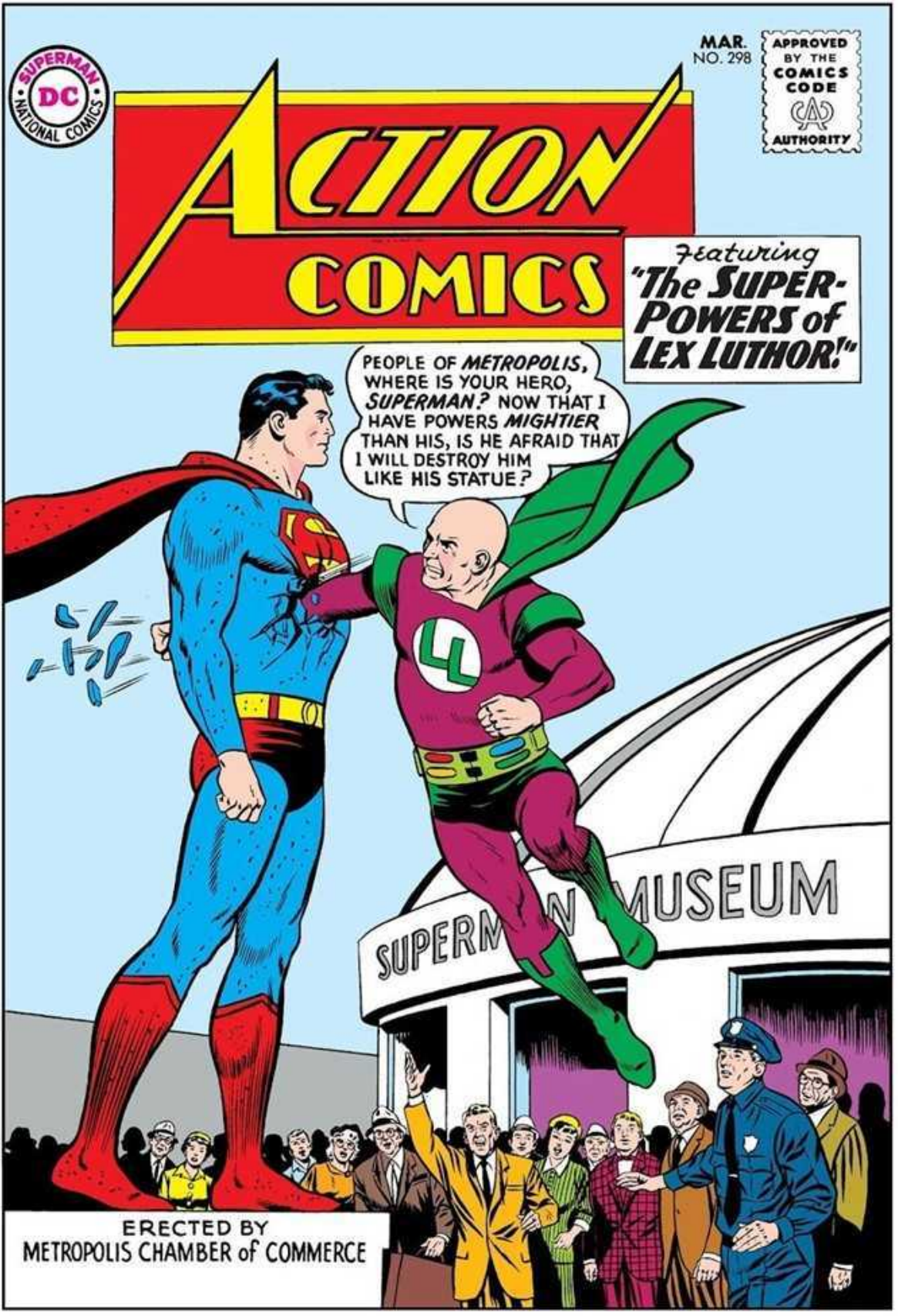
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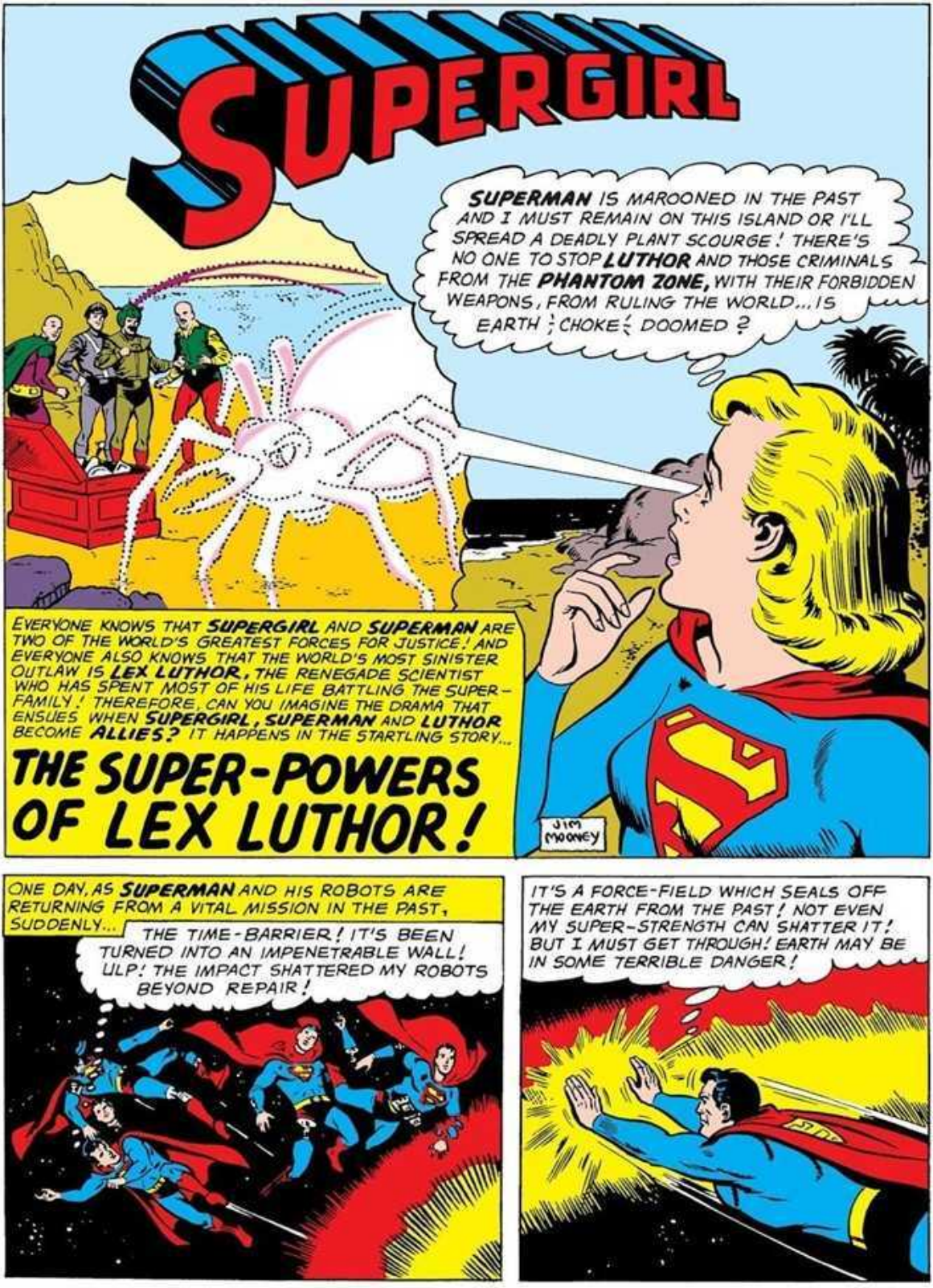
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EVERYONE KNOWS THAT SUPERGIRL AND SUPERMAN ARE TWO OF THE WORLD'S GREATEST FORCES FOR JUSTICE! AND EVERYONE ALSO KNOWS THAT THE WORLD'S MOST SINISTER OUTLAW IS LEX LUTHOR, THE RENEGADE SCIENTIST WHO HAS SPENT MOST OF HIS LIFE BATTLING THE SUPER-FAMILY! THEREFORE, CAN YOU IMAGINE THE DRAMA THAT ENSUES WHEN SUPERGIRL, SUPERMAN AND LUTHOR BECOME ALLIES? IT HAPPENS IN THE STARTLING STORY...
THE SUPER-POWERS OF LEX LUTHOR!
JIM MOONEY
ONE DAY, AS SUPERMAN AND HIS ROBOTS ARE RETURNING FROM A VITAL MISSION IN THE PAST, SUDDENLY...
THE TIME-BARRIER! IT'S BEEN TURNED INTO AN IMPENETRABLE WALL! ULP! THE IMPACT SHATTERED MY ROBOTS BEYOND REPAIR!
IT'S A FORCE-FIELD WHICH SEALS OFF THE EARTH FROM THE PAST! NOT EVEN MY SUPER-STRENGTH CAN SHATTER IT! BUT I MUST GET THROUGH! EARTH MAY BE IN SOME TERRIBLE DANGER!

MEANWHILE, FAR IN THE FUTURE, THE LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES IS OBSERVING SOME STARTLING EVENTS...
YES, SUPERGIRL, WE PLAN TO ENSLAVE THE HUMAN RACE! THIS RAY WILL INFECT YOU WITH THE PLANT SCOURGE TO KEEP YOU FROM HELPING THEM! EVERY CREATURE YOU APPROACH WILL BE CHANGED INTO A PLANT!
LOOK! THREE CRIMINALS HAVE ESCAPED FROM THE PHANTOM ZONE! THEY'RE USING FORBIDDEN KRYPTONIAN WEAPONS TO MENACE THE EARTH! WE MUST HELP SUPERGIRL!
1963
QUICKLY, THE LEGION LAUNCHES ITS TIME-SPHERE, BUT AS THE VEHICLE HURTLES BACK THROUGH TIME INTO THE YEAR 1963...
OH, NO! SOME MYSTERIOUS FORCE-FIELD IS BLOCKING OUR SPHERE! IT MUST HAVE BEEN GENERATED BY THOSE ESCAPED PRISONERS TO KEEP US FROM HELPING SUPERGIRL!
1963
MEANWHILE, TO KEEP FROM SPREADING THE PLANT SCOURGE, SUPERGIRL FLIES TO A DESERT ISLAND...
SUPERMAN CAN'T GET THROUGH THE TIME-BARRIER! AND THE SUPERMAN EMERGENCY SQUAD IS SEALED IN THE BOTTLE OF KANDOR! PERHAPS I SHOULD RISK SPREADING THE SCOURGE TO KEEP THOSE CRIMINALS FROM CONQUERING THE EARTH!
SUDDENLY SUPERGIRL RECEIVES A FRANTIC TELEPATHIC MESSAGE!
SUPERGIRL! THIS IS YOUR FRIEND LORI, THE MERMAID! YOUR THOUGHT WAVES TELL ME YOU'VE BEEN INFECTED WITH A MYSTERIOUS PLANT SCOURGE! KEEP AWAY FROM THE WATER'S EDGE!
BUT WHY, LORI? WHAT'S WRONG?
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AN OCTOPUS THAT WAS APPROACHING YOUR ISLAND HAS BEEN CHANGED INTO AN UNDERWATER PLANT! YOU'VE BECOME A SUPER-CARRIER OF A MONSTROUS PLAGUE! PLEASE KEEP AWAY FROM ALL LIVING CREATURES!

WHAT A SPOT! IF I LEAVE HERE TO COMBAT THOSE CRIMINALS, I'LL SPREAD THE PLANT SCOURGE EVERYWHERE! ONLY ONE PERSON CAN HELP ME NOW... LUTHOR! HE'S THE WORLD'S MOST EVIL SCIENTIST, BUT I HAVE NO CHOICE!
MOMENTS LATER, IN HIS SOLITARY CELL, LUTHOR HEARS SUPERGIRL BY MEANS OF HER SUPER—VENTRILOQUISM...
...AND AS PART OF THE ESCAPE PLAN, YOUR SISTER, LENA THORUL, WAS SEALED IN THE BOTTLE OF KANDOR! ONLY YOUR SCIENTIFIC GENIUS CAN HELP ME DEFEAT THOSE CRIMINALS, LUTHOR!
LENA...MY LITTLE SISTER! DOOMED TO LIVE IN THAT BOTTLED CITY! I'LL HELP YOU, SUPERGIRL! TELL THE WARDEN TO LET ME OUT OF HERE!
BUT WHEN SUPERGIRL CONTACTS THE WARDEN...
WARDEN, THIS IS SUPERGIRL TALKING TO YOU BY SUPER—VENTRILOQUISM! KRYPTONIAN CRIMINALS PLAN TO CONQUER THE EARTH! I NEED LUTHOR'S HELP TO FIGHT THEM! YOU MUST RELEASE HIM TEMPORARILY!
RELEASE LEX LUTHOR? THAT'S A LAUGH! WHY WOULD SUPERGIRL WANT HIS HELP? HE'S HER WORST ENEMY! THIS MUST BE SOME KIND OF ESCAPE SCHEME!
THAT SUPER-VENTRILOQUISM GAG IS JUST ANOTHER TRICK OF LUTHOR'S, WARDEN. HE MUST HAVE HEARD THAT WE'RE TRANSFERRING HIM TO THAT NEW ESCAPE-PROOF CELL IN THE COURTYARD!
YOU'RE RIGHT! HE MUST BE PLANNING A NEW ESCAPE! WE'LL GET HIM INTO THAT CELL IMMEDIATELY!
SOON, AS LUTHOR IS MARCHED INTO THE COURTYARD...
YOU DIDN'T FOOL ME WITH THAT FAKE VENTRILOQUISM ACT, LUTHOR! WE'RE SHIFTING YOU TO THIS MAXIMUM SECURITY CELL! YOU'LL BE UNDER A 24-HOUR-A-DAY GUARD!
BLAST THAT SUPERGIRL! SHE PROMISED TO HAVE ME RELEASED! I MUST GET AWAY TO HELP LENA!
MEANWHILE, A FURTIVE FIGURE DROPS DOWN ON THE PRISON ROOF...
WHEN OUR TELESCOPIC VISION OBSERVED HOW SUPERGIRL FAILED TO FREE LUTHOR, THE OTHERS SENT ME HERE TO PUT OUR OWN PLAN INTO OPERATION! NOW, WITH ONE TOUCH OF THIS BUTTON ON MY BELT...
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SUDDENLY, AN INVISIBLE BEAM TOUCHES LUTHOR...
SOMETHING'S HAPPENING! I FEEL SO STRANGE! MY BODY IS TINGLING ODDLY!
AS THE CELL DOOR CLOSES, LUTHOR HEARS A SUPER-WHISPER...
PSST, LUTHOR! I SPEAK FOR THE ESCAPED KRYPTONIAN CRIMINALS! WE WILL HELP YOU BREAK OUT AND FREE YOUR SISTER LENA IF YOU PUT YOUR MASTER BRAIN TO WORK FOR US!
I PROMISE! BUT HOW CAN YOU GET ME OUT OF HERE WHEN SUPER-GIRL COULDN'T?
RECALL THAT ODD TINGLING YOU GOT WHEN WALKING IN THE COURT-YARD?... AT THAT MOMENT YOU ACQUIRED SUPER-POWERS FROM A SPECIAL BELT I OWN!
YOU'RE RIGHT! I'VE GOT SUPER-STRENGTH! THESE BARS BEND LIKE PUTTY IN MY HANDS!
AN INSTANT LATER...
ALL RIGHT, LET'S SEE YOU TRY TO STOP ME NOW!
IT'S LUTHOR! HE SHATTERED THAT CELL TO SMITHEREENS!
IT'S NO USE TRYING TO STOP HIM! OUR BULLETS BOUNCE OFF HIM LIKE RAINDROPS!
HA, HA! SHOOT, YOU FOOLS! I'M INVULNERABLE! THOSE BULLETS DON'T EVEN TICKLE ME!
AT LAST I HAVE WHAT I ALWAYS DREAMED OF... SUPER POWERS TO MATCH MY SUPER-BRAIN! WATCH, I'LL USE MY HEAT VISION ON YOUR PUNY WEAPONS!
GASP! ONE GLANCE AND HE MELTED OUR MACHINE-GUNS INTO SCRAP METAL!
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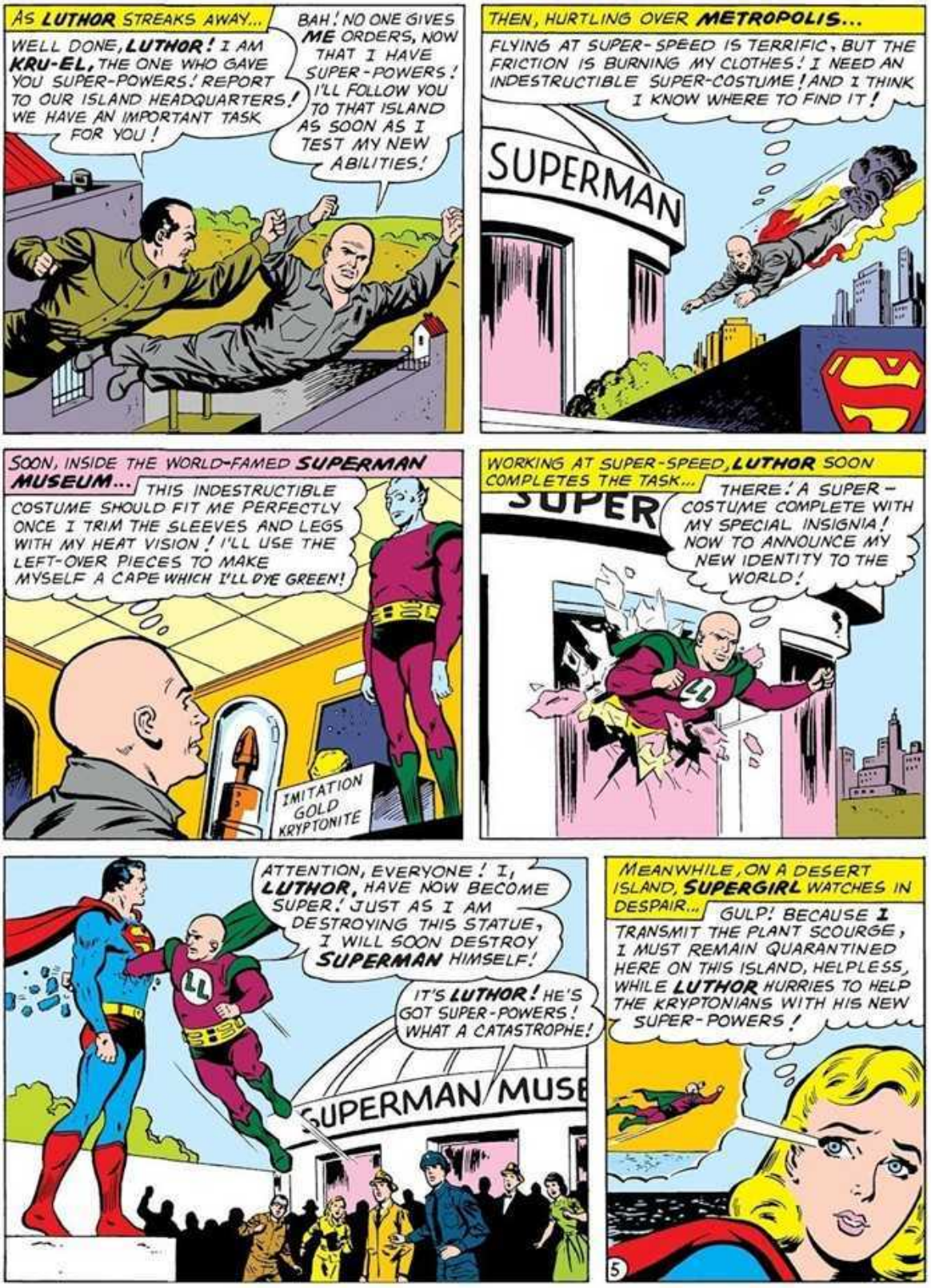
AS LUTHOR STREAKS AWAY...
WELL DONE, LUTHOR! I AM KRU-EL, THE ONE WHO GAVE YOU SUPER-POWERS! REPORT TO OUR ISLAND HEADQUARTERS! WE HAVE AN IMPORTANT TASK FOR YOU!
BAH! NO ONE GIVES ME ORDERS, NOW THAT I HAVE SUPER-POWERS! I'LL FOLLOW YOU TO THAT ISLAND AS SOON AS I TEST MY NEW ABILITIES!
THEN, HURTLING OVER METROPOLIS...
FLYING AT SUPER-SPEED IS TERRIFIC, BUT THE FRICTION IS BURNING MY CLOTHES! I NEED AN INDESTRUCTIBLE SUPER-COSTUME! AND I THINK I KNOW WHERE TO FIND IT!
SUPERMAN
SOON, INSIDE THE WORLD-FAMED SUPERMAN MUSEUM...
THIS INDESTRUCTIBLE COSTUME SHOULD FIT ME PERFECTLY ONCE I TRIM THE SLEEVES AND LEGS WITH MY HEAT VISION! I'LL USE THE LEFT-OVER PIECES TO MAKE MYSELF A CAPE WHICH I'LL DYE GREEN!
IMITATION GOLD KRYPTONITE
WORKING AT SUPER-SPEED, LUTHOR SOON COMPLETES THE TASK...
THERE! A SUPER-COSTUME COMPLETE WITH MY SPECIAL INSIGNIA! NOW TO ANNOUNCE MY NEW IDENTITY TO THE WORLD!
ATTENTION, EVERYONE! I, LUTHOR, HAVE NOW BECOME SUPER! JUST AS I AM DESTROYING THIS STATUE, I WILL SOON DESTROY SUPERMAN HIMSELF!
IT'S LUTHOR! HE'S GOT SUPER-POWERS! WHAT A CATASTROPHE!
MEANWHILE, ON A DESERT ISLAND, SUPERGIRL WATCHES IN DESPAIR...
GULP! BECAUSE I TRANSMIT THE PLANT SCOURGE, I MUST REMAIN QUARANTINED HERE ON THIS ISLAND, HELPLESS, WHILE LUTHOR HURRIES TO HELP THE KRYPTONIANS WITH HIS NEW SUPER-POWERS!
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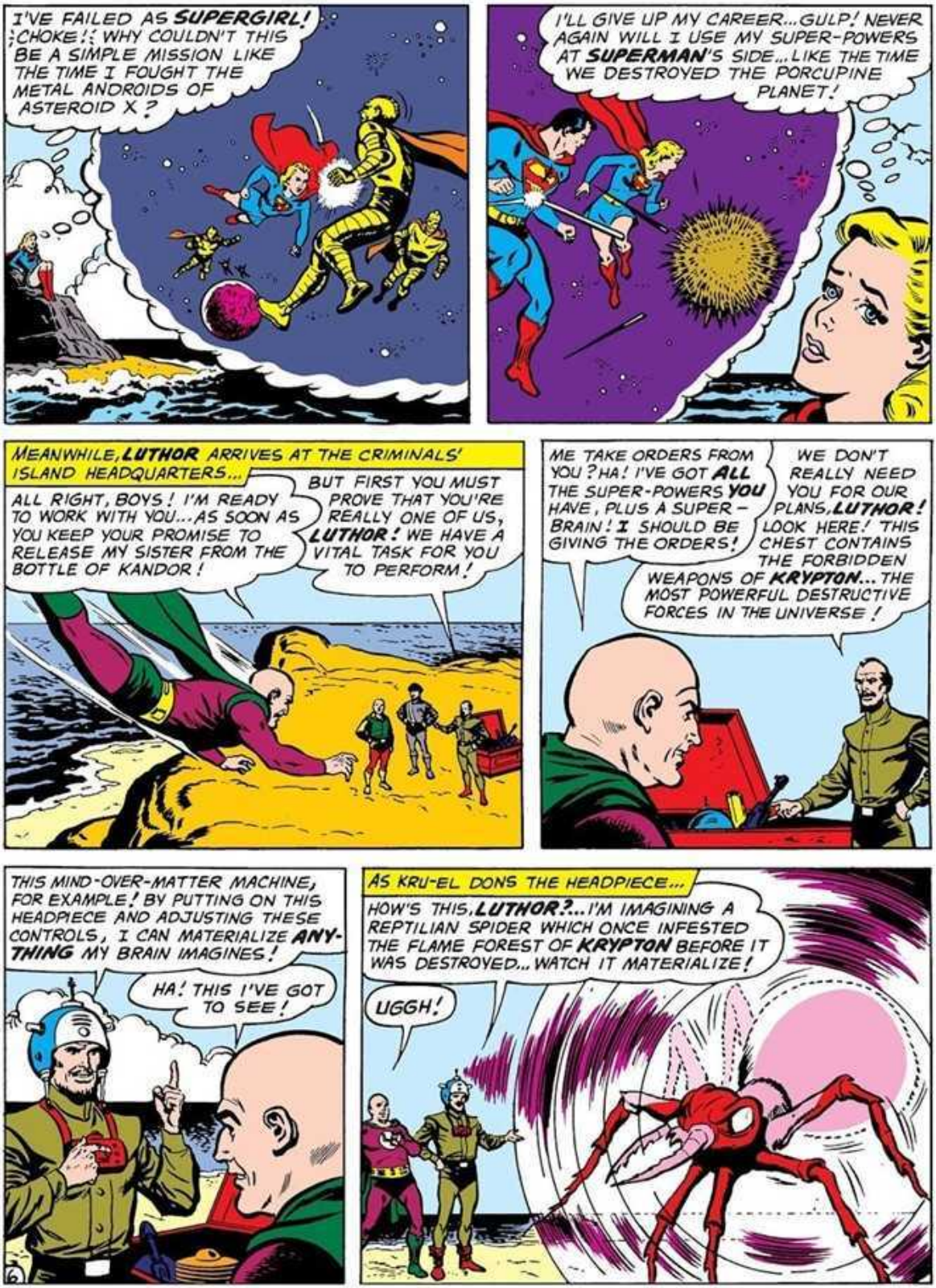
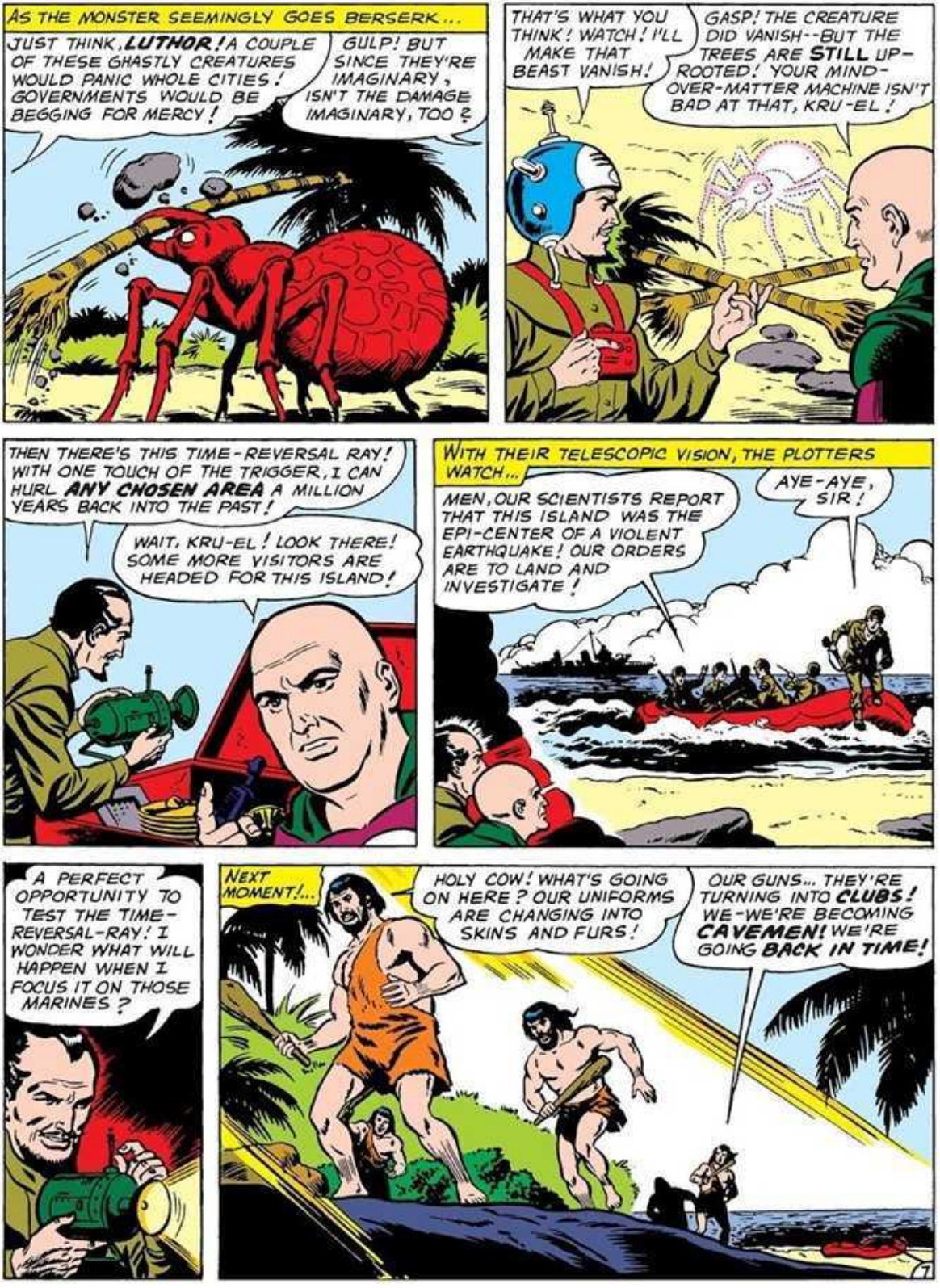
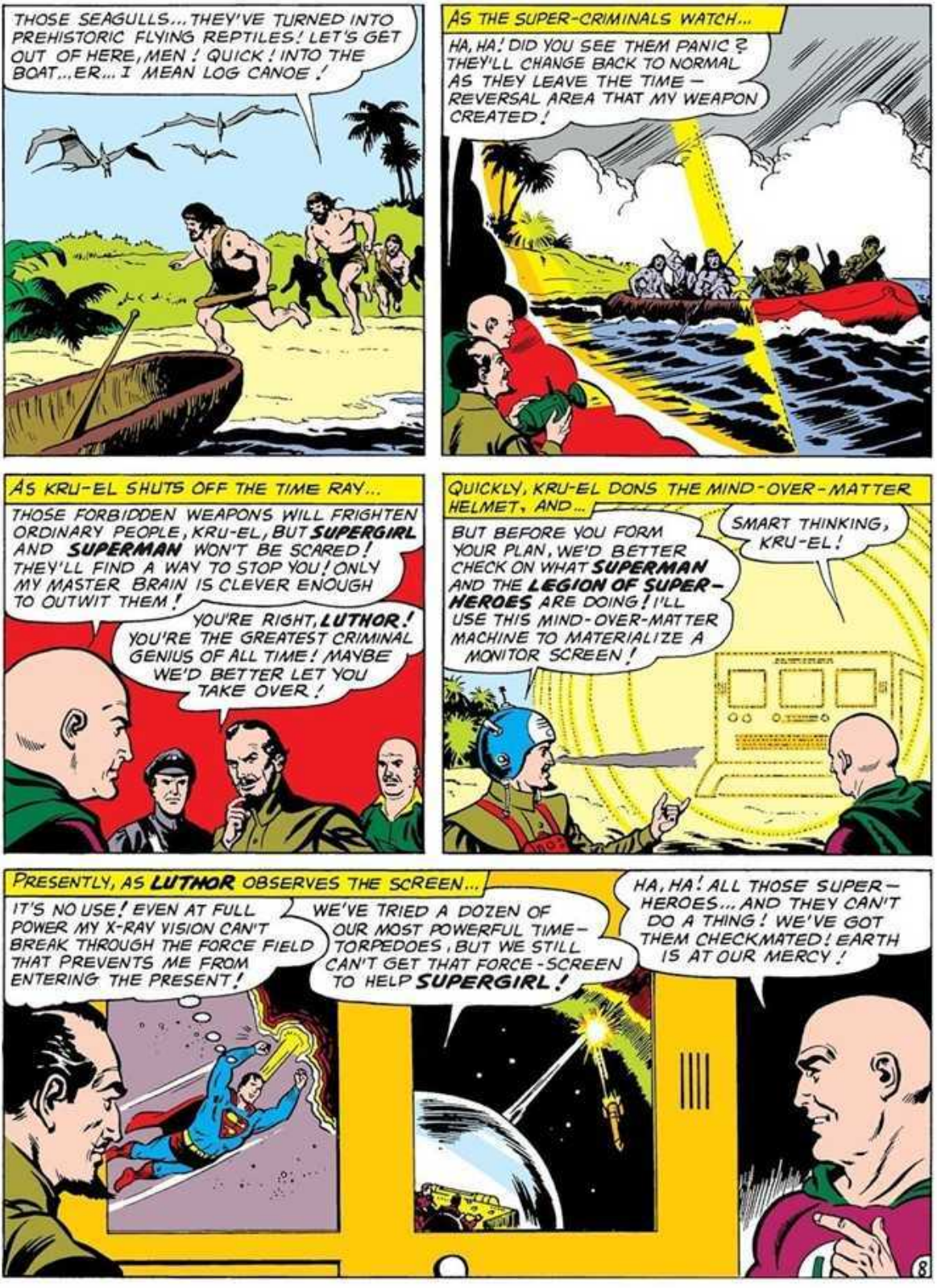
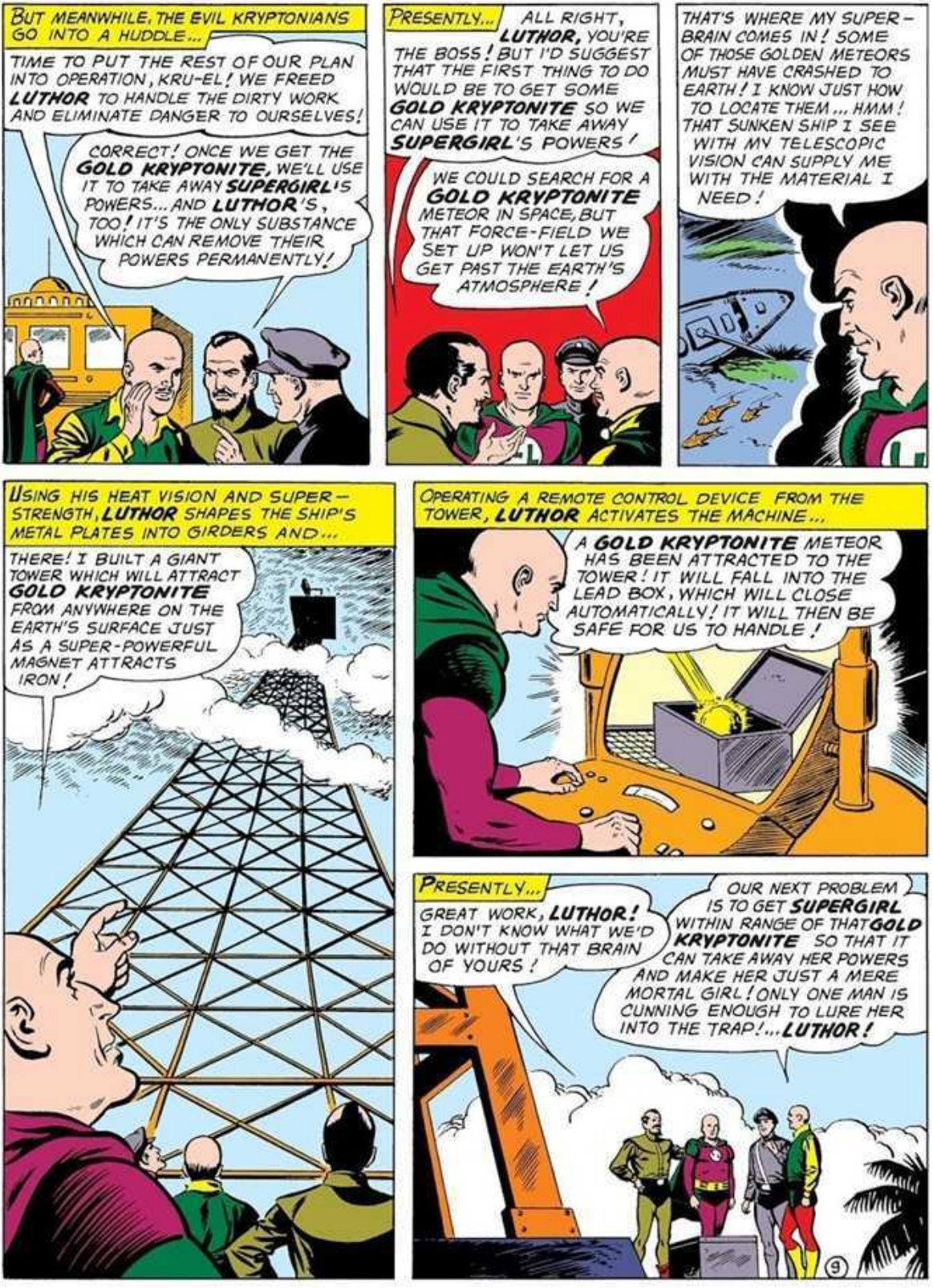

I'VE FAILED AS SUPERGIRL! ;CHOKE!: WHY COULDN'T THIS BE A SIMPLE MISSION LIKE THE TIME I FOUGHT THE METAL ANDROIDS OF ASTEROID X?
I'LL GIVE UP MY CAREER...GULP! NEVER AGAIN WILL I USE MY SUPER-POWERS AT SUPERMAN'S SIDE...LIKE THE TIME WE DESTROYED THE PORCUPINE PLANET!
MEANWHILE, LUTHOR ARRIVES AT THE CRIMINALS' ISLAND HEADQUARTERS...
ALL RIGHT, BOYS! I'M READY TO WORK WITH YOU...AS SOON AS YOU KEEP YOUR PROMISE TO RELEASE MY SISTER FROM THE BOTTLE OF KANDOR!
BUT FIRST YOU MUST PROVE THAT YOU'RE REALLY ONE OF US, LUTHOR! WE HAVE A VITAL TASK FOR YOU TO PERFORM!
ME TAKE ORDERS FROM YOU? HA! I'VE GOT ALL THE SUPER-POWERS YOU HAVE, PLUS A SUPER-BRAIN! I SHOULD BE GIVING THE ORDERS!
WE DON'T REALLY NEED YOU FOR OUR PLANS, LUTHOR! LOOK HERE! THIS CHEST CONTAINS THE FORBIDDEN WEAPONS OF KRYPTON...THE MOST POWERFUL DESTRUCTIVE FORCES IN THE UNIVERSE!
THIS MIND-OVER-MATTER MACHINE, FOR EXAMPLE! BY PUTTING ON THIS HEADPIECE AND ADJUSTING THESE CONTROLS, I CAN MATERIALIZE ANYTHING MY BRAIN IMAGINES!
HA! THIS I'VE GOT TO SEE!
AS KRU-EL DONS THE HEADPIECE...
HOW'S THIS, LUTHOR?...I'M IMAGINING A REPTILIAN SPIDER WHICH ONCE INFESTED THE FLAME FOREST OF KRYPTON BEFORE IT WAS DESTROYED...WATCH IT MATERIALIZE!
UGGH!


AS THE MONSTER SEEMINGLY GOES BERSERK...
JUST THINK, LUTHOR! A COUPLE OF THESE GHASTLY CREATURES WOULD PANIC WHOLE CITIES! GOVERNMENTS WOULD BE BEGGING FOR MERCY!
GULP! BUT SINCE THEY'RE IMAGINARY, ISN'T THE DAMAGE IMAGINARY, TOO?
THAT'S WHAT YOU THINK! WATCH! I'LL MAKE THAT BEAST VANISH!
GASP! THE CREATURE DID VANISH--BUT THE TREES ARE STILL UP-ROOTED! YOUR MIND-OVER-MATTER MACHINE ISN'T BAD AT THAT, KRU-EL!
THEN THERE'S THIS TIME-REVERSAL RAY! WITH ONE TOUCH OF THE TRIGGER, I CAN HURL ANY CHOSEN AREA A MILLION YEARS BACK INTO THE PAST!
WAIT, KRU-EL! LOOK THERE! SOME MORE VISITORS ARE HEADED FOR THIS ISLAND!
WITH THEIR TELESCOPIC VISION, THE PLOTTERS WATCH...
MEN, OUR SCIENTISTS REPORT THAT THIS ISLAND WAS THE EPI-CENTER OF A VIOLENT EARTHQUAKE! OUR ORDERS ARE TO LAND AND INVESTIGATE!
AYE-AYE, SIR!
A PERFECT OPPORTUNITY TO TEST THE TIME-REVERSAL-RAY! I WONDER WHAT WILL HAPPEN WHEN I FOCUS IT ON THOSE MARINES?
NEXT MOMENT!...
HOLY COW! WHAT'S GOING ON HERE? OUR UNIFORMS ARE CHANGING INTO SKINS AND FURS!
OUR GUNS... THEY'RE TURNING INTO CLUBS! WE-WE'RE BECOMING CAVEMEN! WE'RE GOING BACK IN TIME!


THOSE SEAGULLS... THEY'VE TURNED INTO PREHISTORIC FLYING REPTILES! LET'S GET OUT OF HERE, MEN! QUICK! INTO THE BOAT... ER... I MEAN LOG CANOE!
AS THE SUPER-CRIMINALS WATCH...
HA, HA! DID YOU SEE THEM PANIC? THEY'LL CHANGE BACK TO NORMAL AS THEY LEAVE THE TIME-REVERSAL AREA THAT MY WEAPON CREATED!
AS KRU-EL SHUTS OFF THE TIME RAY...
THOSE FORBIDDEN WEAPONS WILL FRIGHTEN ORDINARY PEOPLE, KRU-EL, BUT SUPERGIRL AND SUPERMAN WON'T BE SCARED! THEY'LL FIND A WAY TO STOP YOU! ONLY MY MASTER BRAIN IS CLEVER ENOUGH TO OUTWIT THEM!
YOU'RE RIGHT, LUTHOR! YOU'RE THE GREATEST CRIMINAL GENIUS OF ALL TIME! MAYBE WE'D BETTER LET YOU TAKE OVER!
QUICKLY, KRU-EL DONS THE MIND-OVER-MATTER HELMET, AND...
BUT BEFORE YOU FORM YOUR PLAN, WE'D BETTER CHECK ON WHAT SUPERMAN AND THE LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES ARE DOING! I'LL USE THIS MIND-OVER-MATTER MACHINE TO MATERIALIZE A MONITOR SCREEN!
SMART THINKING, KRU-EL!
PRESENTLY, AS LUTHOR OBSERVES THE SCREEN...
IT'S NO USE! EVEN AT FULL POWER MY X-RAY VISION CAN'T BREAK THROUGH THE FORCE FIELD THAT PREVENTS ME FROM ENTERING THE PRESENT!
WE'VE TRIED A DOZEN OF OUR MOST POWERFUL TIME-TORPEDOES, BUT WE STILL CAN'T GET THAT FORCE-SCREEN TO HELP SUPERGIRL!
HA, HA! ALL THOSE SUPER-HEROES... AND THEY CAN'T DO A THING! WE'VE GOT THEM CHECKMATED! EARTH IS AT OUR MERCY!


BUT MEANWHILE, THE EVIL KRYPTONIANS GO INTO A HUDDLE...
TIME TO PUT THE REST OF OUR PLAN INTO OPERATION, KRU-EL! WE FREED LUTHOR TO HANDLE THE DIRTY WORK AND ELIMINATE DANGER TO OURSELVES!
CORRECT! ONCE WE GET THE GOLD KRYPTONITE, WE'LL USE IT TO TAKE AWAY SUPERGIRL'S POWERS... AND LUTHOR'S, TOO! IT'S THE ONLY SUBSTANCE WHICH CAN REMOVE THEIR POWERS PERMANENTLY!
PRESENTLY...
ALL RIGHT, LUTHOR, YOU'RE THE BOSS! BUT I'D SUGGEST THAT THE FIRST THING TO DO WOULD BE TO GET SOME GOLD KRYPTONITE SO WE CAN USE IT TO TAKE AWAY SUPERGIRL'S POWERS!
WE COULD SEARCH FOR A GOLD KRYPTONITE METEOR IN SPACE, BUT THAT FORCE-FIELD WE SET UP WON'T LET US GET PAST THE EARTH'S ATMOSPHERE!
THAT'S WHERE MY SUPER-BRAIN COMES IN! SOME OF THOSE GOLDEN METEORS MUST HAVE CRASHED TO EARTH! I KNOW JUST HOW TO LOCATE THEM... HMM! THAT SUNKEN SHIP I SEE WITH MY TELESCOPIC VISION CAN SUPPLY ME WITH THE MATERIAL I NEED!
USING HIS HEAT VISION AND SUPER-STRENGTH, LUTHOR SHAPES THE SHIP'S METAL PLATES INTO GIRDERS AND...
THERE! I BUILT A GIANT TOWER WHICH WILL ATTRACT GOLD KRYPTONITE FROM ANYWHERE ON THE EARTH'S SURFACE JUST AS A SUPER-POWERFUL MAGNET ATTRACTS IRON!
OPERATING A REMOTE CONTROL DEVICE FROM THE TOWER, LUTHOR ACTIVATES THE MACHINE...
A GOLD KRYPTONITE METEOR HAS BEEN ATTRACTED TO THE TOWER! IT WILL FALL INTO THE LEAD BOX, WHICH WILL CLOSE AUTOMATICALLY! IT WILL THEN BE SAFE FOR US TO HANDLE!
PRESENTLY...
GREAT WORK, LUTHOR! I DON'T KNOW WHAT WE'D DO WITHOUT THAT BRAIN OF YOURS!
OUR NEXT PROBLEM IS TO GET SUPERGIRL WITHIN RANGE OF THAT GOLD KRYPTONITE SO THAT IT CAN TAKE AWAY HER POWERS AND MAKE HER JUST A MERE MORTAL GIRL! ONLY ONE MAN IS CUNNING ENOUGH TO LURE HER INTO THE TRAP!... LUTHOR!
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ALL RIGHT, MEN, I'LL TELL HER THE FORBIDDEN WEAPONS HAVE FAILED AND THAT WE WANT TO MAKE A DEAL! WE'LL PROMISE TO CURE HER OF THE PLANT SCOURGE!
SMART THINKING, LUTHOR! BRING HER TO THE BEACH NEAR THE CLIFF! WE'LL HAVE THE GOLD KRYPTONITE READY FOR HER!
AS LUTHOR VANISHES OVER THE HORIZON...
KRU-EL, WHAT ARE YOU DOING WITH THAT MIND-OVER-MATTER MACHINE? WE'VE GOT TO GET READY FOR LUTHOR AND SUPERGIRL WHEN THEY RETURN!
EXACTLY WHAT I'M DOING! I'M MATERIALIZING A MECHANICAL CATAPULT THAT WILL HANDLE THE GOLD KRYPTONITE FOR US WITHOUT ENDANGERING OUR OWN SUPER-POWERS!
SOON...
HERE THEY COME, KRU-EL!
SPLENDID! I'VE GOT THE CATAPULT ZEROED IN ON THE BEACH WHERE LUTHOR AND SUPERGIRL ARE SUPPOSED TO LAND!
YES! LUTHOR HAS LURED SUPERGIRL INTO A TRAP, AND NOW...
LUTHOR... WHAT'S THAT?
CHOKE!! IT'S GOLD KRYPTONITE! I'VE BEEN DOUBLE-CROSSED! QUICK! GET IT BACK INTO THAT LEAD BOX!
UGGG! I CAN'T MOVE IT! THE RADIATIONS OF THE GOLD KRYPTONITE HAVE TAKEN AWAY MY SUPER-POWERS! I'M AN ORDINARY GIRL NOW!
UHH! MY POWERS ARE GONE, TOO! I CAN'T FLY ANYMORE!
HA, HA! OUR TRICK WORKED! NOW TO LURE SUPERMAN INTO THE TRAP!
I'LL DEACTIVATE THE FORCE-FIELD THAT'S KEEPING SUPERMAN OUT OF THE PRESENT AND LET HIM THROUGH! WE'LL HAVE A FINE WELCOME ALL PREPARED FOR HIM!
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AS THE TIME-BARRIER OPENS UP, SUPERMAN EMERGES OUT OF THE PAST, HIS TELESCOPIC VISION SCANNING THE EARTH FOR SIGNS OF TROUBLE...
WHO SET UP THAT FORCE-FIELD? SOMETHING STRANGE IS GOING ON! UH-OH! SUPERGIRL AND LUTHOR ARE ON AN ISLAND! AND LUTHOR IS WEARING A SUPER-COSTUME! I'D BETTER CHECK ON IT!
AS THE MAN OF STEEL FLASHES DOWN AT SUPER-SPEED...
SUPERMAN'S COMING! I'VE GOT TO WARN HIM! BUT USING MY SUPER-POWERS IS OUT OF THE QUESTION! WAIT! I HAVE IT! THIS MIRROR FROM THE POUCH IN MY CAPE!
AN INSTANT LATER, A BEAM OF LIGHT FLASHES ON AND OFF ACROSS SUPERMAN'S VISION FROM BELOW...
IT'S A MESSAGE IN MORSE CODE FROM SUPERGIRL! SHE'S IN A JAM!
BEWARE OF DANGER! CRIMINALS HAVE ESCAPED PHANTOM ZONE... YOU CAN HELP US BY...
SECONDS LATER, AS SUPERMAN ARRIVES ON THE SCENE...
HE DID IT! THE FOOL DROPPED RIGHT INTO OUR TRAP! THE GOLD KRYPTONITE HAS ROBBED HIM OF HIS SUPER-POWERS!
UHHH! WHAT HAPPENED? I SUDDENLY FEEL SO WEAK!
USING THE MIND-OVER-MATTER MACHINE, KRU-EL MATERIALIZES A ROBOT WHICH CARRIES OFF THE KRYPTONITE, THEN...
ALL RIGHT, MEN, THEY'RE IN OUR POWER! WITH THAT GOLD KRYPTONITE SAFELY OUT OF THE WAY, IT'S SAFE FOR US TO APPROACH!
THIS IS THE MOMENT I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR! SUPERMAN AND SUPERGIRL AT OUR MERCY!
THE MOMENT OF RECKONING HAS COME! WE'RE GOING TO TAKE OVER THE EARTH BY USING THESE FORBIDDEN WEAPONS FROM KRYPTON! AND YOU ARE POWERLESS TO STOP US!
THAT'S WHAT YOU THINK! ALL RIGHT, MEN! LET'S GO!
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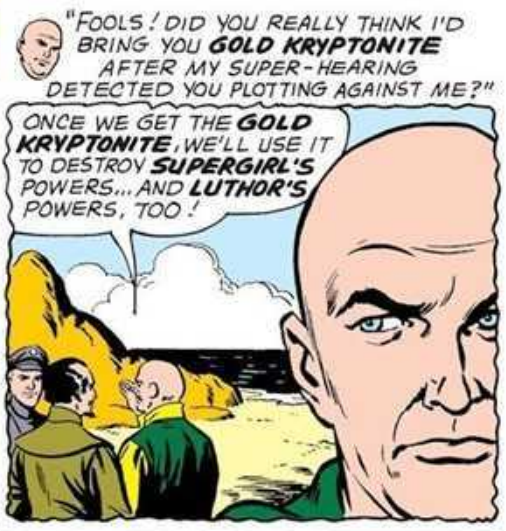
IN THE NEXT INSTANT, A SEARING BLAST OF HEAT LANCES OUT, AND...
ULP! THEY'VE ALL GOT HEAT VISION! ITS COMBINED TRIPLE POWER MELTED OUR FORBIDDEN WEAPONS! GASP! BUT I THOUGHT THE GOLD KRYPTONITE HAD TAKEN AWAY THEIR SUPER-POWERS!


"FOOLS! DID YOU REALLY THINK I'D BRING YOU GOLD KRYPTONITE AFTER MY SUPER-HEARING DETECTED YOU PLOTTING AGAINST ME?"
ONCE WE GET THE GOLD KRYPTONITE, WE'LL USE IT TO DESTROY SUPERGIRL'S POWERS... AND LUTHOR'S POWERS, TOO!

"YOU TRIED TO DOUBLE-CROSS ME, SO I DECIDED TO WORK WITH SUPERGIRL AGAINST YOU! I ADJUSTED THE CONTROLS OF THAT MAGNETIC TOWER I BUILT TO ATTRACT THE IMITATION GOLD KRYPTONITE I HAD SEEN ON DISPLAY IN THE SUPERMAN MUSEUM... THEN SUPERGIRL SENT SUPERMAN A CODE MESSAGE TO PRETEND THAT HE'D LOST HIS POWERS, AS BOTH OF US HAD DONE..."
IMITATION GOLD KRYPTONITE

SO IT WAS ALL AN ACT DESIGNED TO DESTROY THE FORBIDDEN WEAPONS, EH? BUT THE JOKE'S ON YOU! YOU ALSO DESTROYED THE PUNISHMENT RAY... THE ONLY WEAPON THAT COULD RETURN US TO THE PHANTOM ZONE! NOW WE'RE STILL FREE!
THAT'S WHAT HE THINKS! I CAN STILL SEND THOSE CRIMINALS BACK TO THE PHANTOM ZONE IF I WORK FAST ENOUGH!

DARTING FORWARD AT LIGHTNING SPEED, SUPERGIRL DONS THE MIND-OVER-MATTER HELMET, AND...
SHE'S MATERIALIZED A PHANTOM RAY GUN! WATCH OUT!
IT'S TOO LATE! WE'RE BEING PROJECTED BACK INTO THE PHANTOM ZONE! EEYAH!
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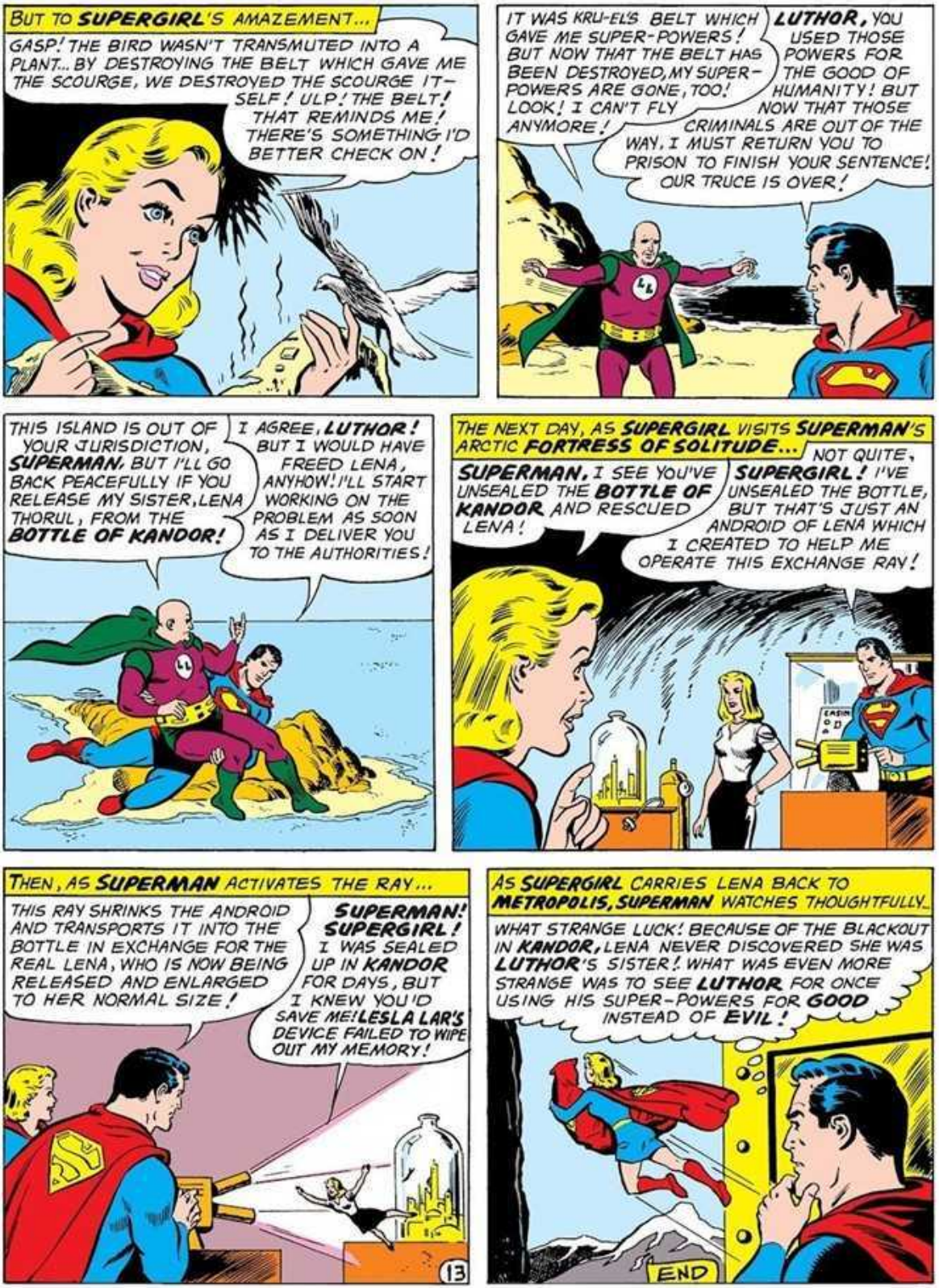
THAT DID IT, SUPERGIRL! THEY'RE BACK WHERE THEY BELONG! THE EARTH IS FREE FROM THEIR SINISTER MENACE!
YOU'RE WRONG, SUPERMAN! REMEMBER, I'VE STILL GOT THE PLANT SCOURGE! OH-OH! THAT BIRD THAT'S FLYING TOWARD ME! IT'S GOING TO BE TURNED INTO A PLANT!


BUT TO SUPERGIRL'S AMAZEMENT...
GASP! THE BIRD WASN'T TRANSMUTED INTO A PLANT... BY DESTROYING THE BELT WHICH GAVE ME THE SCOURGE, WE DESTROYED THE SCOURGE ITSELF! ULP! THE BELT! THAT REMINDS ME! THERE'S SOMETHING I'D BETTER CHECK ON!
IT WAS KRU-EL'S BELT WHICH GAVE ME SUPER-POWERS! BUT NOW THAT THE BELT HAS BEEN DESTROYED, MY SUPER-POWERS ARE GONE, TOO! LOOK! I CAN'T FLY ANYMORE!
LUTHOR, YOU USED THOSE POWERS FOR THE GOOD OF HUMANITY! BUT NOW THAT THOSE CRIMINALS ARE OUT OF THE WAY, I MUST RETURN YOU TO PRISON TO FINISH YOUR SENTENCE! OUR TRUCE IS OVER!
THIS ISLAND IS OUT OF YOUR JURISDICTION, SUPERMAN, BUT I'LL GO BACK PEACEFULLY IF YOU RELEASE MY SISTER, LENA THORUL, FROM THE BOTTLE OF KANDOR!
I AGREE, LUTHOR! BUT I WOULD HAVE FREED LENA, ANYHOW! I'LL START WORKING ON THE PROBLEM AS SOON AS I DELIVER YOU TO THE AUTHORITIES!
THE NEXT DAY, AS SUPERGIRL VISITS SUPERMAN'S ARCTIC FORTRESS OF SOLITUDE...
SUPERMAN, I SEE YOU'VE UNSEALED THE BOTTLE OF KANDOR AND RESCUED LENA!
NOT QUITE, SUPERGIRL! I'VE UNSEALED THE BOTTLE, BUT THAT'S JUST AN ANDROID OF LENA WHICH I CREATED TO HELP ME OPERATE THIS EXCHANGE RAY!
THEN, AS SUPERMAN ACTIVATES THE RAY...
THIS RAY SHRINKS THE ANDROID AND TRANSPORTS IT INTO THE BOTTLE IN EXCHANGE FOR THE REAL LENA, WHO IS NOW BEING RELEASED AND ENLARGED TO HER NORMAL SIZE!
SUPERMAN! SUPERGIRL! I WAS SEALED UP IN KANDOR FOR DAYS, BUT I KNEW YOU'D SAVE ME! LESLA LAR'S DEVICE FAILED TO WIPE OUT MY MEMORY!
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AS SUPERGIRL CARRIES LENA BACK TO METROPOLIS, SUPERMAN WATCHES THOUGHTFULLY...
WHAT STRANGE LUCK! BECAUSE OF THE BLACKOUT IN KANDOR, LENA NEVER DISCOVERED SHE WAS LUTHOR'S SISTER! WHAT WAS EVEN MORE STRANGE WAS TO SEE LUTHOR FOR ONCE USING HIS SUPER-POWERS FOR GOOD INSTEAD OF EVIL!
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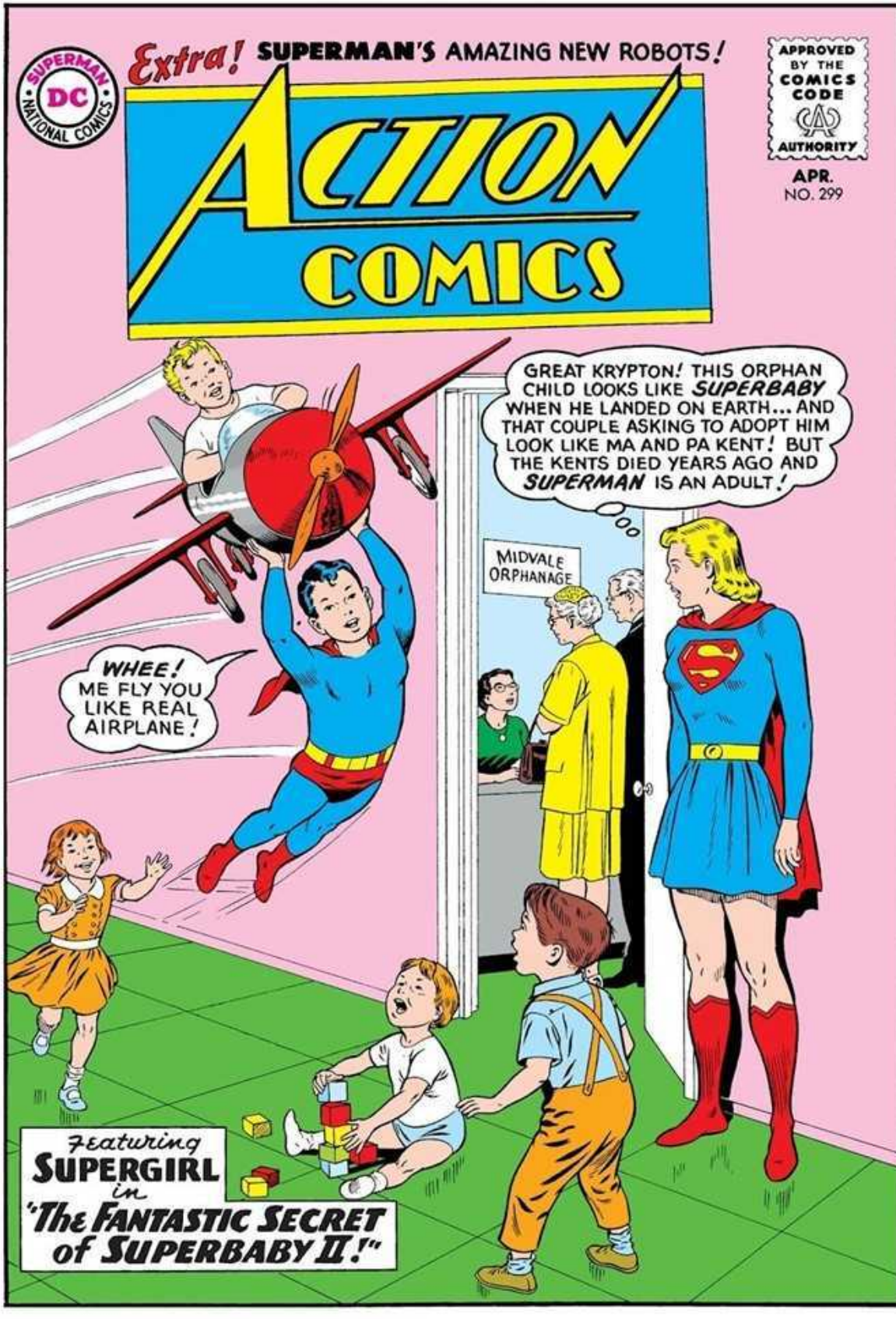
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WHEE! ME FLY YOU LIKE REAL AIRPLANE!
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SUPERGIRL
DADDY, MOMMY, LOOK! ME BREAK BOX!
VERY GOOD, CLARK! YOU'RE LEARNING TO USE YOUR FLYING ABILITY AND SUPER-STRENGTH CORRECTLY!
GREAT KRYPTON! IT'S MA AND PA KENT! THEY'RE RAISING A SUPER BABY ALL OVER AGAIN! BUT THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE! THE KENTS DIED MANY YEARS AGO! AND SUPERMAN IS A GROWN ADULT! I MUST BE SEEING THINGS!
SUPERGIRL HAS HAD SOME INCREDIBLE ADVENTURES IN HER TRIPS TO THE FAR CORNERS OF THE UNIVERSE! BUT IN THIS STORY, THE GIRL OF STEEL IS WITNESS TO ONE OF THE MOST HAIR-RAISING EXPERIENCES OF HER CAREER FOR, OUT OF NOWHERE, COMES A SECOND SUPERBABY...A TOT WHO SEEMS DESTINED TO REPEAT THE CAREER OF THE MIGHTY SUPERMAN! WHERE DOES HE COME FROM, THIS SUPER-LAD WHAT STRANGE FATE HAS BROUGHT HIM TO EARTH? SUPER-GIRL MUST USE ALL HER INGENUITY TO SOLVE THE PUZZLE OF.
JIM MOONEY
The FANTASTIC SECRET OF SUPERBABY II!
ONE DAY IN SUPERMAN'S ARCTIC FORTRESS AS SUPERGIRL PREPARES TO VISIT THE CITY OF KANDOR, REDUCED TO MICROSCOPIC SIZE BY THE EVIL SPACE VILLAIN BRAINIAC...
GOODBYE, SUPERGIRL! THE SHRINKING RAY WILL REDUCE YOU TO TINY SIZE SO YOU CAN ENTER THE KANDORIAN BOTTLE!
THANKS, SUPERMAN! I'LL RETURN AS SOON AS I COMPLETE MY MISSION!
GREETINGS, KANDORIANS! I AM HERE TO REPORT ON THE FATE OF LESLA-LAR... ONE OF YOUR CRIMINALS WHO ESCAPED FROM THIS BOTTLE AND TRIED TO CONQUER EARTH!
WELCOME, SUPERGIRL! WE WERE WATCHING ON OUR MONITORS AND WERE EXPECTING YOU!

IN THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE KANDORIAN POLICE, SUPERGIRL RECORDS HER REPORT ON A MENTO RECORDER...
...AND SO LESLA-LAR WAS VAPORIZED BY ONE OF THE KRYPTONIAN CRIMINALS SHE RELEASED FROM THE PHANTOM ZONE!
LATER, AFTER SUPERGIRL FINISHES HER REPORT...
SUPERGIRL, YOUR VISITS TO KANDOR ARE SO SELDOM! I'M AFRAID WE HAVE A HEAVY SCHEDULE ARRANGED FOR YOU! WE'LL START WITH A PARADE OF THE SUPERGIRL EMERGENCY SQUAD!
HOW THRILLING!
THEY'RE ALL MY DEVOTED FANS, READY TO AID ME WHENEVER THERE'S NEED!
LATER, SUPERGIRL IS THE JUDGE IN AN ACTING CONTEST...
THE ACTORS ARE COMPETING FOR THE ROLES OF JOR-EL AND LARA IN A MENTO MOVIE WE'RE MAKING ABOUT SUPERMAN'S EARLY LIFE!
ACCORDING TO THIS PROGRAM, ALL CONTESTANTS WILL SPEAK IN ENGLISH; WHICH THEY MASTER IN THEIR FIRST YEAR AT SCHOOL!
AS THE CONTEST BEGINS...
THERE'S NO HOPE, LARA! ER--KRYPTON WILL SURVIVE--I MEAN EXPLODE!
THE...ER...ONLY WAY TO SAVE OUR BABY KAL-EL AHEM...IS TO LAUNCH HIM IN THIS ROCKET!
THESE TWO SOUND AMATEURISH! THEY FLUBBED THEIR LINES! I MUST ELIMINATE THEM!
AT THE CONTEST'S END, THE ELIMINATED COUPLE PROTESTS...
SUPERGIRL, WE WERE NERVOUS! I TELL YOU WE DESERVE THE ROLES OF LARA AND JOR-EL! WE CAN PROVE IT TO YOU!
I'M SORRY, BUT I DON'T HAVE THE TIME! I'M AFRAID I MUST LEAVE KANDOR NOW!
HER VISIT ENDED, SUPERGIRL HEADS TOWARD THE MOUTH OF THE BOTTLE BY MEANS OF JETS...
GOODBYE, MY FRIENDS!
:CHOKE: MY DEVOTED FANS IN THE SUPERGIRL SQUAD PREPARED A TOUCHING FAREWELL MESSAGE!
COME BACK SOON SUPERGIRL
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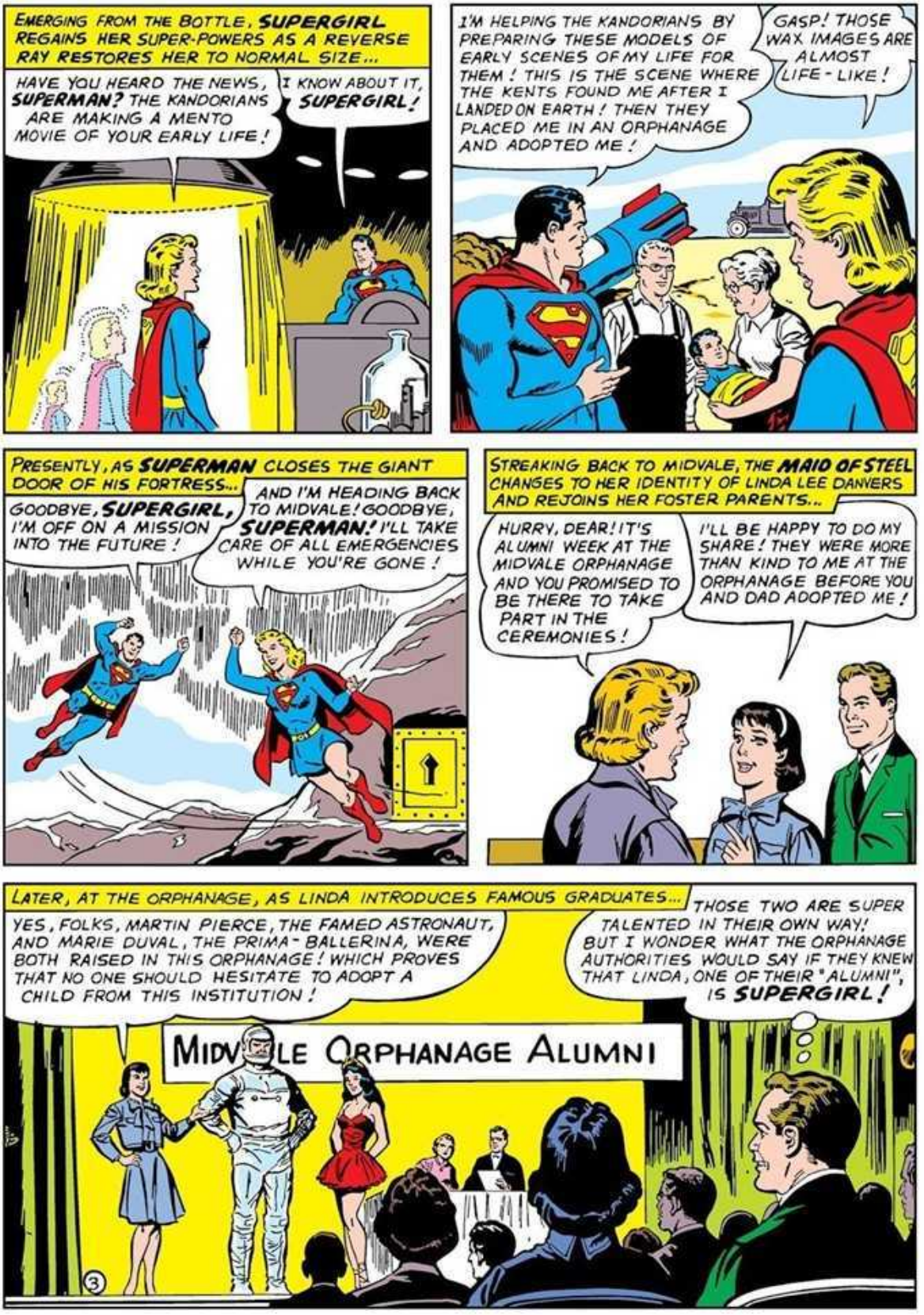
EMERGING FROM THE BOTTLE, SUPERGIRL REGAINS HER SUPER-POWERS AS A REVERSE RAY RESTORES HER TO NORMAL SIZE...
HAVE YOU HEARD THE NEWS, SUPERMAN? THE KANDORIANS ARE MAKING A MENTO MOVIE OF YOUR EARLY LIFE!
I KNOW ABOUT IT, SUPERGIRL!
I'M HELPING THE KANDORIANS BY PREPARING THESE MODELS OF EARLY SCENES OF MY LIFE FOR THEM! THIS IS THE SCENE WHERE THE KENTS FOUND ME AFTER I LANDED ON EARTH! THEN THEY PLACED ME IN AN ORPHANAGE AND ADOPTED ME!
GASP! THOSE WAX IMAGES ARE ALMOST LIFE-LIKE!
PRESENTLY, AS SUPERMAN CLOSES THE GIANT DOOR OF HIS FORTRESS...
GOODBYE, SUPERGIRL, I'M OFF ON A MISSION INTO THE FUTURE!
AND I'M HEADING BACK TO MIDVALE! GOODBYE, SUPERMAN! I'LL TAKE CARE OF ALL EMERGENCIES WHILE YOU'RE GONE!
STREAKING BACK TO MIDVALE, THE MAID OF STEEL CHANGES TO HER IDENTITY OF LINDA LEE DANVERS AND REJOINS HER FOSTER PARENTS...
HURRY, DEAR! IT'S ALUMNI WEEK AT THE MIDVALE ORPHANAGE AND YOU PROMISED TO BE THERE TO TAKE PART IN THE CEREMONIES!
I'LL BE HAPPY TO DO MY SHARE! THEY WERE MORE THAN KIND TO ME AT THE ORPHANAGE BEFORE YOU AND DAD ADOPTED ME!
LATER, AT THE ORPHANAGE, AS LINDA INTRODUCES FAMOUS GRADUATES...
YES, FOLKS, MARTIN PIERCE, THE FAMED ASTRONAUT, AND MARIE DUVAL, THE PRIMA-BALLERINA, WERE BOTH RAISED IN THIS ORPHANAGE! WHICH PROVES THAT NO ONE SHOULD HESITATE TO ADOPT A CHILD FROM THIS INSTITUTION!
THOSE TWO ARE SUPER TALENTED IN THEIR OWN WAY! BUT I WONDER WHAT THE ORPHANAGE AUTHORITIES WOULD SAY IF THEY KNEW THAT LINDA, ONE OF THEIR "ALUMNI", IS SUPERGIRL!
MIDVALE ORPHANAGE ALUMNI
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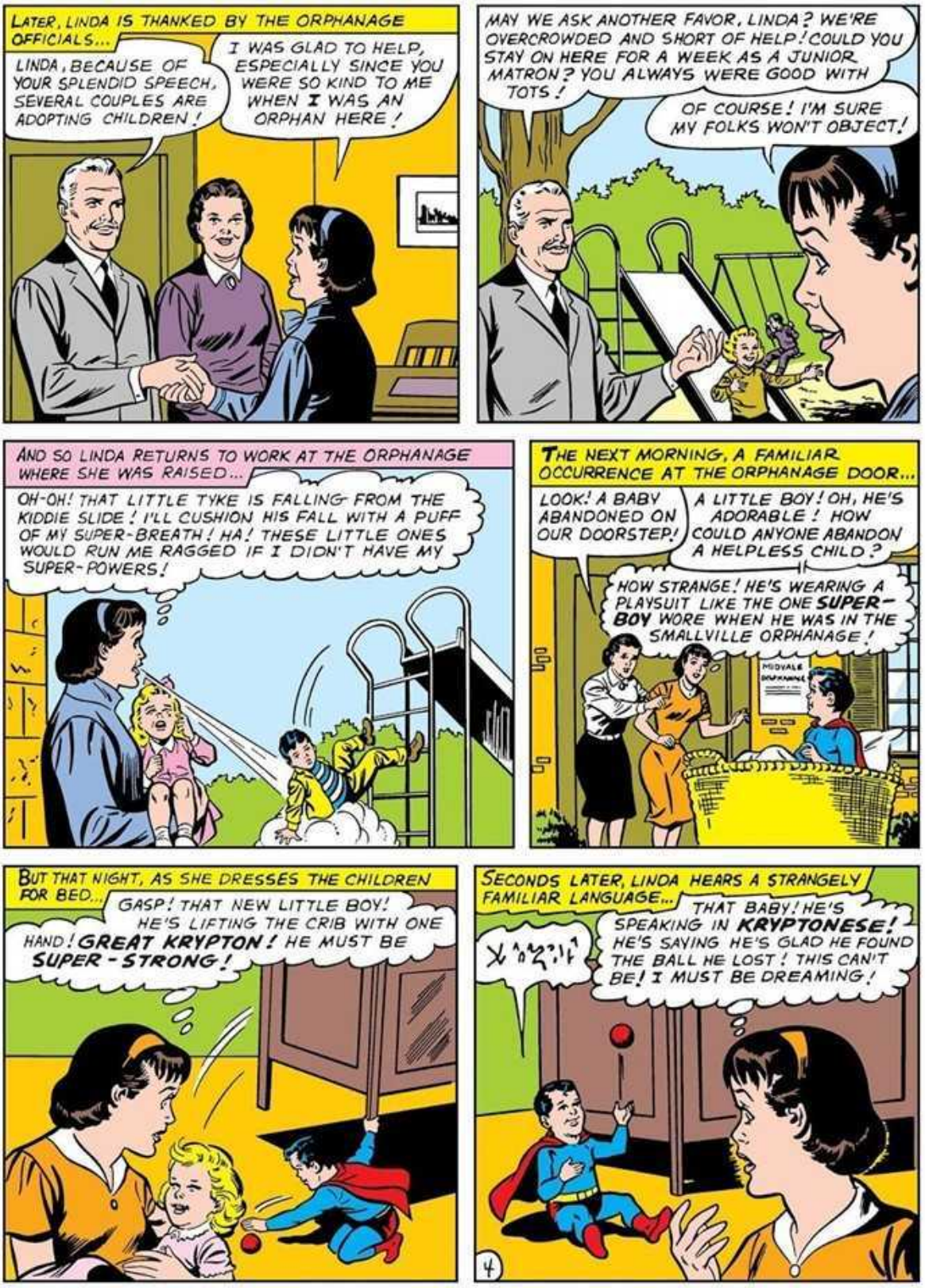
LATER, LINDA IS THANKED BY THE ORPHANAGE OFFICIALS...
LINDA, BECAUSE OF YOUR SPLENDID SPEECH, SEVERAL COUPLES ARE ADOPTING CHILDREN!
I WAS GLAD TO HELP, ESPECIALLY SINCE YOU WERE SO KIND TO ME WHEN I WAS AN ORPHAN HERE!
MAY WE ASK ANOTHER FAVOR, LINDA? WE'RE OVERCROWDED AND SHORT OF HELP! COULD YOU STAY ON HERE FOR A WEEK AS A JUNIOR MATRON? YOU ALWAYS WERE GOOD WITH TOTS!
OF COURSE! I'M SURE MY FOLKS WON'T OBJECT!
AND SO LINDA RETURNS TO WORK AT THE ORPHANAGE WHERE SHE WAS RAISED...
OH-OH! THAT LITTLE TYKE IS FALLING FROM THE KIDDIE SLIDE! I'LL CUSHION HIS FALL WITH A PUFF OF MY SUPER-BREATH! HA! THESE LITTLE ONES WOULD RUN ME RAGGED IF I DIDN'T HAVE MY SUPER-POWERS!
THE NEXT MORNING, A FAMILIAR OCCURRENCE AT THE ORPHANAGE DOOR...
LOOK! A BABY ABANDONED ON OUR DOORSTEP!
A LITTLE BOY! OH, HE'S ADORABLE! HOW COULD ANYONE ABANDON A HELPLESS CHILD?
HOW STRANGE! HE'S WEARING A PLAYSUIT LIKE THE ONE SUPER-BOY WORE WHEN HE WAS IN THE SMALLVILLE ORPHANAGE!
MIDVALE ORPHANAGE
BUT THAT NIGHT, AS SHE DRESSES THE CHILDREN FOR BED...
GASP! THAT NEW LITTLE BOY! HE'S LIFTING THE CRIB WITH ONE HAND! GREAT KRYPTON! HE MUST BE SUPER-STRONG!
SECONDS LATER, LINDA HEARS A STRANGELY FAMILIAR LANGUAGE...
THAT BABY! HE'S SPEAKING IN KRYPTONESE! HE'S SAYING HE'S GLAD HE FOUND THE BALL HE LOST! THIS CAN'T BE! I MUST BE DREAMING!
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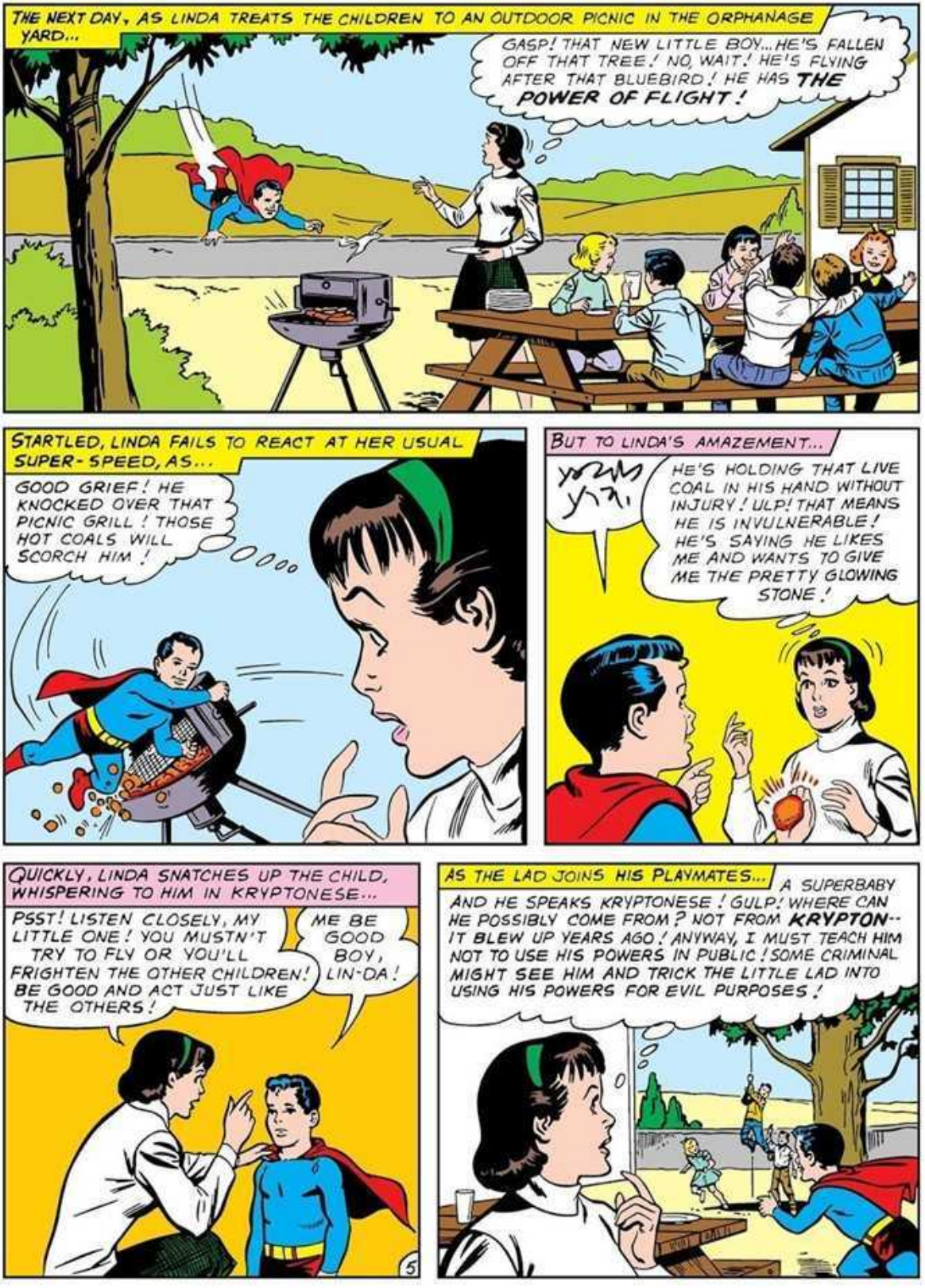
THE NEXT DAY, AS LINDA TREATS THE CHILDREN TO AN OUTDOOR PICNIC IN THE ORPHANAGE YARD...
GASP! THAT NEW LITTLE BOY... HE'S FALLEN OFF THAT TREE! NO, WAIT! HE'S FLYING AFTER THAT BLUEBIRD! HE HAS THE POWER OF FLIGHT!
STARTLED, LINDA FAILS TO REACT AT HER USUAL SUPER-SPEED, AS...
GOOD GRIEF! HE KNOCKED OVER THAT PICNIC GRILL! THOSE HOT COALS WILL SCORCH HIM!
BUT TO LINDA'S AMAZEMENT...
HE'S HOLDING THAT LIVE COAL IN HIS HAND WITHOUT INJURY! ULP! THAT MEANS HE IS INVULNERABLE! HE'S SAYING HE LIKES ME AND WANTS TO GIVE ME THE PRETTY GLOWING STONE!
QUICKLY, LINDA SNATCHES UP THE CHILD, WHISPERING TO HIM IN KRYPTONESE...
PSST! LISTEN CLOSELY, MY LITTLE ONE! YOU MUSTN'T TRY TO FLY OR YOU'LL FRIGHTEN THE OTHER CHILDREN! BE GOOD AND ACT JUST LIKE THE OTHERS!
ME BE GOOD BOY, LIN-DA!
AS THE LAD JOINS HIS PLAYMATES...
A SUPERBABY AND HE SPEAKS KRYPTONESE! GULP! WHERE CAN HE POSSIBLY COME FROM? NOT FROM KRYPTON-- IT BLEW UP YEARS AGO! ANYWAY, I MUST TEACH HIM NOT TO USE HIS POWERS IN PUBLIC! SOME CRIMINAL MIGHT SEE HIM AND TRICK THE LITTLE LAD INTO USING HIS POWERS FOR EVIL PURPOSES!
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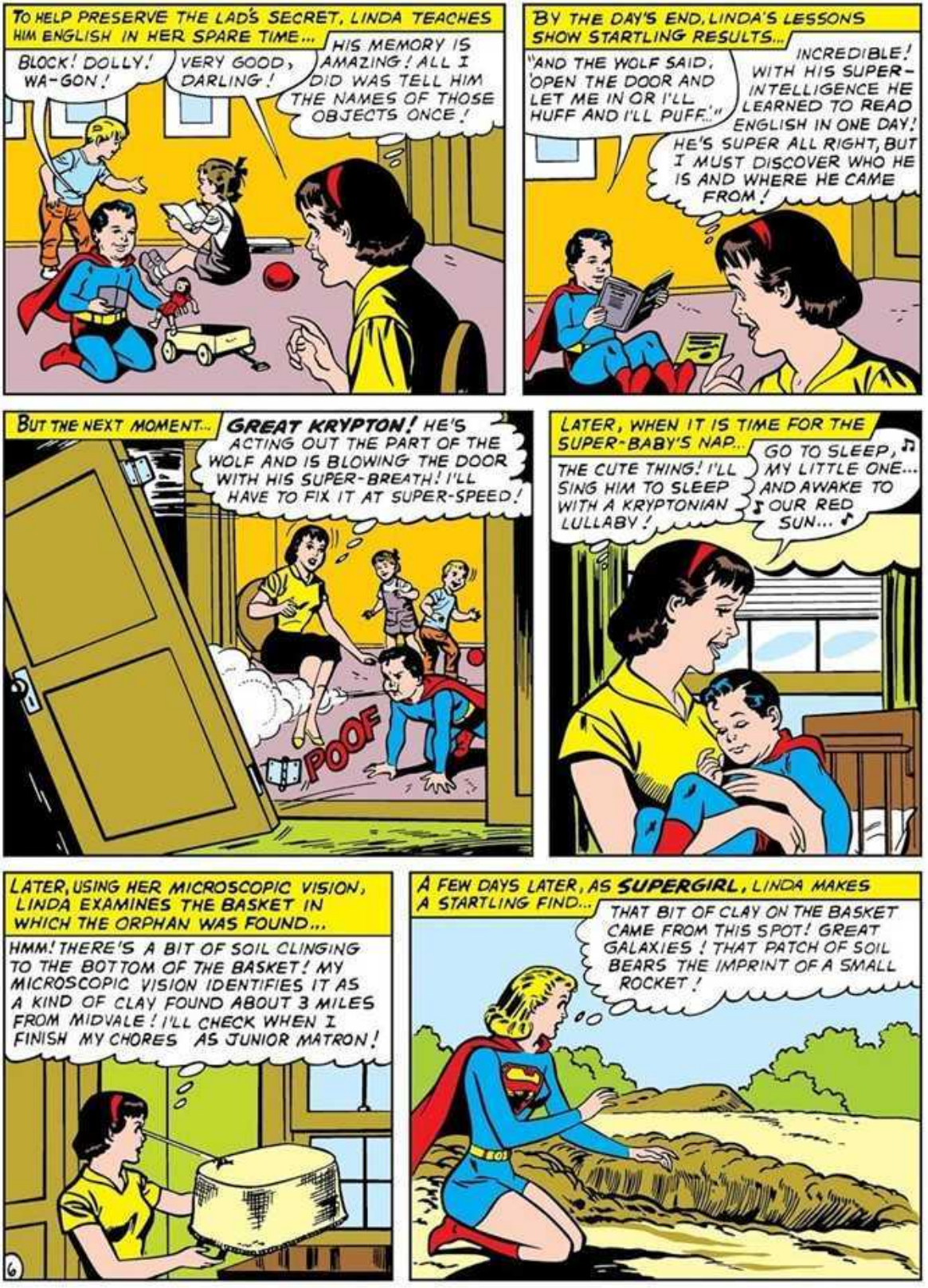
TO HELP PRESERVE THE LAD'S SECRET, LINDA TEACHES HIM ENGLISH IN HER SPARE TIME...
BLOCK! DOLLY! WA-GON!
VERY GOOD, DARLING!
HIS MEMORY IS AMAZING! ALL I DID WAS TELL HIM THE NAMES OF THOSE OBJECTS ONCE!
BY THE DAY'S END, LINDA'S LESSONS SHOW STARTLING RESULTS...
"AND THE WOLF SAID, 'OPEN THE DOOR AND LET ME IN OR I'LL HUFF AND I'LL PUFF...'"
INCREDIBLE! WITH HIS SUPER-INTELLIGENCE HE LEARNED TO READ ENGLISH IN ONE DAY! HE'S SUPER ALL RIGHT, BUT I MUST DISCOVER WHO HE IS AND WHERE HE CAME FROM!
BUT THE NEXT MOMENT...
GREAT KRYPTON! HE'S ACTING OUT THE PART OF THE WOLF AND IS BLOWING THE DOOR WITH HIS SUPER-BREATH! I'LL HAVE TO FIX IT AT SUPER-SPEED!
POOF
LATER, WHEN IT IS TIME FOR THE SUPER-BABY'S NAP...
THE CUTE THING! I'LL SING HIM TO SLEEP WITH A KRYPTONIAN LULLABY!
GO TO SLEEP, MY LITTLE ONE... AND AWAKE TO OUR RED SUN...
LATER, USING HER MICROSCOPIC VISION, LINDA EXAMINES THE BASKET IN WHICH THE ORPHAN WAS FOUND...
HMM! THERE'S A BIT OF SOIL CLINGING TO THE BOTTOM OF THE BASKET! MY MICROSCOPIC VISION IDENTIFIES IT AS A KIND OF CLAY FOUND ABOUT 3 MILES FROM MIDVALE! I'LL CHECK WHEN I FINISH MY CHORES AS JUNIOR MATRON!
A FEW DAYS LATER, AS SUPERGIRL, LINDA MAKES A STARTLING FIND...
THAT BIT OF CLAY ON THE BASKET CAME FROM THIS SPOT! GREAT GALAXIES! THAT PATCH OF SOIL BEARS THE IMPRINT OF A SMALL ROCKET!
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PRESENTLY, SUPERGIRL MAKES ANOTHER DISCOVERY...
TIRE TRACKS! AND FOOTPRINTS OF A MAN AND WOMAN! THEY MUST BE THE ONES WHO FOUND THAT SUPERBABY AND BROUGHT HIM TO THE ORPHANAGE!
A SUPER-TOT LANDING IN A ROCKET AND BEING TAKEN TO THE ORPHANAGE! GULP THAT'S JUST WHAT HAPPENED WHEN SUPERMAN ARRIVED ON EARTH AS AN INFANT! HISTORY IS MYSTERIOUSLY REPEATING ITSELF! I'D BETTER HURRY BACK TO THE ORPHANAGE!
AT THE ORPHANAGE, SUPERGIRL WITNESSES A STRANGE SCENE...
I'M GLAD THE CHILD FOUND A HOME SO QUICKLY, MR. KENT! THE FINAL PAPERS WILL BE DELIVERED TO YOU IN A FEW DAYS!
WE'LL RAISE HIM LIKE OUR OWN SON! WE PLAN TO CALL HIM CLARK!
MIDVALE ORPHANAGE
AS THE KENTS DRIVE OFF...
GREAT KRYPTON! THAT SUPER-ORPHAN IS BEING ADOPTED BY A COUPLE CALLED THE KENTS! AND THEY'RE NAMING HIM CLARK! THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT HAPPENED TO SUPERMAN! I MUST BE DREAMING THIS!
SUSPECTING A JOKE BY MR. MXYZPTLK, SUPERGIRL CHECKS THE FORTRESS OF SOLITUDE WITH HER TELESCOPIC VISION...
I THOUGHT THAT MISCHIEVOUS IMP FROM THE FIFTH DIMENSION, MR. MXYZPTLK, HAD ANIMATED THOSE WAX MODELS SUPERMAN MADE OF THE KENTS IN ORDER TO PLAY A TRICK ON ME! BUT I WAS WRONG!
AT SUPER-SPEED, SHE FOLLOWS THE ADOPTED ORPHAN TO HIS NEW HOME...
INCREDIBLE! THAT COUPLE CALLING THEMSELVES THE KENTS LIVE ON A SMALL FARM OUTSIDE MIDVALE JUST AS THE ORIGINAL SUPERBABY'S FOSTER-PARENTS LIVED ON A FARM OUTSIDE SMALLVILLE YEARS AGO! WELL I'VE GOT TO PATROL THE COUNTY BUT I'LL COME BACK HERE TOMORROW!
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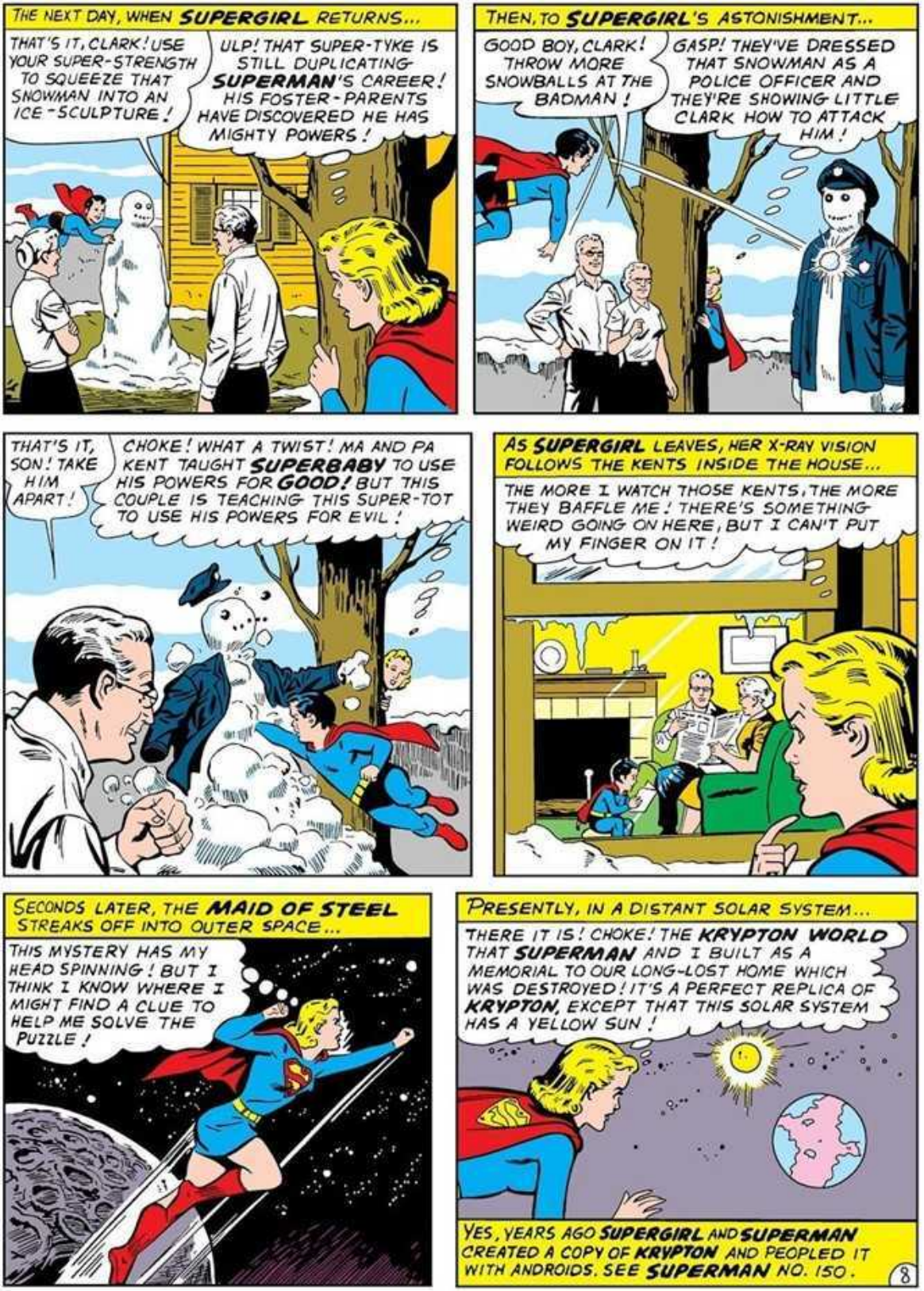
THE NEXT DAY, WHEN SUPERGIRL RETURNS...
THAT'S IT, CLARK! USE YOUR SUPER-STRENGTH TO SQUEEZE THAT SNOWMAN INTO AN ICE-SCULPTURE!
ULP! THAT SUPER-TYKE IS STILL DUPLICATING SUPERMAN'S CAREER! HIS FOSTER-PARENTS HAVE DISCOVERED HE HAS MIGHTY POWERS!
THEN, TO SUPERGIRL'S ASTONISHMENT...
GOOD BOY, CLARK! THROW MORE SNOWBALLS AT THE BADMAN!
GASP! THEY'VE DRESSED THAT SNOWMAN AS A POLICE OFFICER AND THEY'RE SHOWING LITTLE CLARK HOW TO ATTACK HIM!
THAT'S IT, SON! TAKE HIM APART!
CHOKE! WHAT A TWIST! MA AND PA KENT TAUGHT SUPERBABY TO USE HIS POWERS FOR GOOD! BUT THIS COUPLE IS TEACHING THIS SUPER-TOT TO USE HIS POWERS FOR EVIL!
AS SUPERGIRL LEAVES, HER X-RAY VISION FOLLOWS THE KENTS INSIDE THE HOUSE...
THE MORE I WATCH THOSE KENTS, THE MORE THEY BAFFLE ME! THERE'S SOMETHING WEIRD GOING ON HERE, BUT I CAN'T PUT MY FINGER ON IT!
SECONDS LATER, THE MAID OF STEEL STREAKS OFF INTO OUTER SPACE...
THIS MYSTERY HAS MY HEAD SPINNING! BUT I THINK I KNOW WHERE I MIGHT FIND A CLUE TO HELP ME SOLVE THE PUZZLE!
PRESENTLY, IN A DISTANT SOLAR SYSTEM...
THERE IT IS! CHOKE! THE KRYPTON WORLD THAT SUPERMAN AND I BUILT AS A MEMORIAL TO OUR LONG-LOST HOME WHICH WAS DESTROYED! IT'S A PERFECT REPLICA OF KRYPTON, EXCEPT THAT THIS SOLAR SYSTEM HAS A YELLOW SUN!
YES, YEARS AGO SUPERGIRL AND SUPERMAN CREATED A COPY OF KRYPTON AND PEOPLED IT WITH ANDROIDS. SEE SUPERMAN NO. 150.
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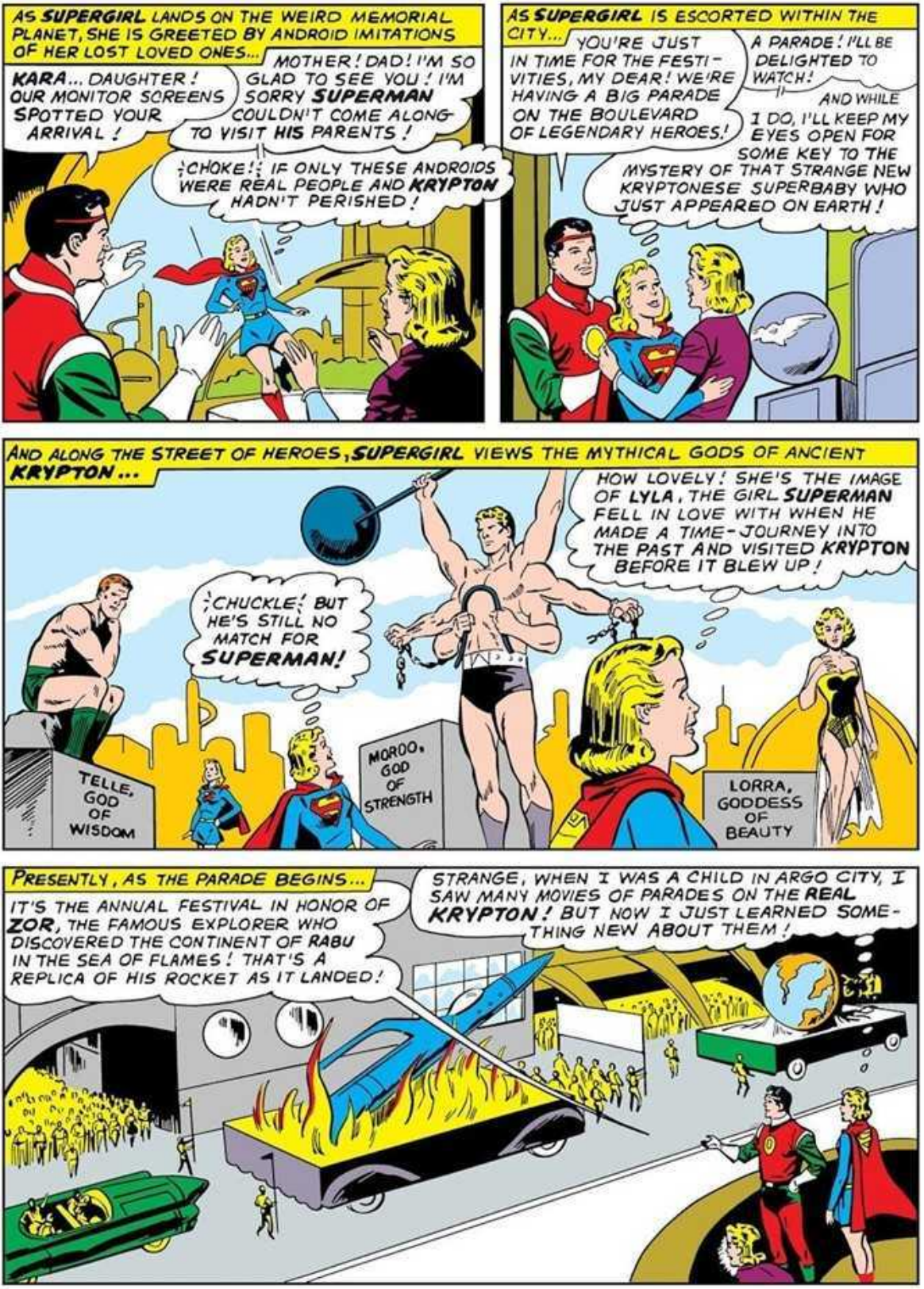
AS SUPERGIRL LANDS ON THE WEIRD MEMORIAL PLANET, SHE IS GREETED BY ANDROID IMITATIONS OF HER LOST LOVED ONES...
KARA... DAUGHTER! OUR MONITOR SCREENS SPOTTED YOUR ARRIVAL!
MOTHER! DAD! I'M SO GLAD TO SEE YOU! I'M SORRY SUPERMAN COULDN'T COME ALONG TO VISIT HIS PARENTS!
:CHOKE!: IF ONLY THESE ANDROIDS WERE REAL PEOPLE AND KRYPTON HADN'T PERISHED!
AS SUPERGIRL IS ESCORTED WITHIN THE CITY...
YOU'RE JUST IN TIME FOR THE FESTIVITIES, MY DEAR! WE'RE HAVING A BIG PARADE ON THE BOULEVARD OF LEGENDARY HEROES!
A PARADE! I'LL BE DELIGHTED TO WATCH!
AND WHILE I DO, I'LL KEEP MY EYES OPEN FOR SOME KEY TO THE MYSTERY OF THAT STRANGE NEW KRYPTONESE SUPERBABY WHO JUST APPEARED ON EARTH!
AND ALONG THE STREET OF HEROES, SUPERGIRL VIEWS THE MYTHICAL GODS OF ANCIENT KRYPTON...
HOW LOVELY! SHE'S THE IMAGE OF LYLA, THE GIRL SUPERMAN FELL IN LOVE WITH WHEN HE MADE A TIME-JOURNEY INTO THE PAST AND VISITED KRYPTON BEFORE IT BLEW UP!
:CHUCKLE: BUT HE'S STILL NO MATCH FOR SUPERMAN!
TELLE, GOD OF WISDOM
MORDO, GOD OF STRENGTH
LORRA, GODDESS OF BEAUTY
PRESENTLY, AS THE PARADE BEGINS...
IT'S THE ANNUAL FESTIVAL IN HONOR OF ZOR, THE FAMOUS EXPLORER WHO DISCOVERED THE CONTINENT OF RABU IN THE SEA OF FLAMES! THAT'S A REPLICA OF HIS ROCKET AS IT LANDED!
STRANGE, WHEN I WAS A CHILD IN ARGO CITY, I SAW MANY MOVIES OF PARADES ON THE REAL KRYPTON! BUT NOW I JUST LEARNED SOMETHING NEW ABOUT THEM!

AS THE PARADE ENDS, SUPERGIRL HEADS FOR EARTH...
KARA, MY DAUGHTER, FAREWELL! COME AGAIN SOON!
GOODBYE! I'LL MAKE MY NEXT VISIT LONGER!
I THINK I DISCOVERED SOMETHING THAT WILL HELP ME SOLVE THE RIDDLE OF THAT STRANGE NEW SUPERBABY!
PRESENTLY, AS SUPERGIRL RETURNS TO THE OUTSKIRTS OF MIDVALE...
OH-OH! SOMETHING TELLS ME THAT THE KENTS ARE GIVING THAT SUPER-TOT MORE LESSONS IN HOW TO MISUSE HIS SUPER-POWERS!
AND IN THE NEXT INSTANT...
LOOK, MOMMY... DADDY... CLARK BREAK BIG BOX!
GOOD GRIEF! THEY'RE TEACHING HIM HOW TO DO EVEN MORE EVIL PRANKS THAN BEFORE! WHAT WILL THEY TEACH HIM NEXT?
IN THE NEXT SHOCKING MOMENT...
REMEMBER, SON, IF THOSE BAD MEN IN UNIFORM TRY TO STOP YOU, YOU'RE TO THROW THESE LITTLE TOYS AT THEM LIKE THIS!
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT! HE'S TEACHING THE POOR KID HOW TO THROW HAND GRENADES AT LIVE TARGETS!
AT EYE-BLURRING SPEED, SUPERGIRL DARTS FORWARD AND SEIZES A GRENADE...
HOW DARE YOU TEACH THAT INNOCENT BABE TO BE A CRIMINAL? YOU SHOULD BE JAILED FOR LIFE!
WATCH OUT! SHE'S GRABBING ONE OF THOSE LIVE GRENADES!
AS THE CULPRITS COWER IN FEAR!...
SUPERGIRL! DON'T LOOK AT US LIKE THAT! YOU MUSTN'T THROW THAT GRENADE! YOU CAN'T KILL US!
IT'S AGAINST YOUR MORAL CODE TO KILL ANY LIVING CREATURE!
NO USE PLEADING FOR MERCY! I'VE MADE UP MY MIND!
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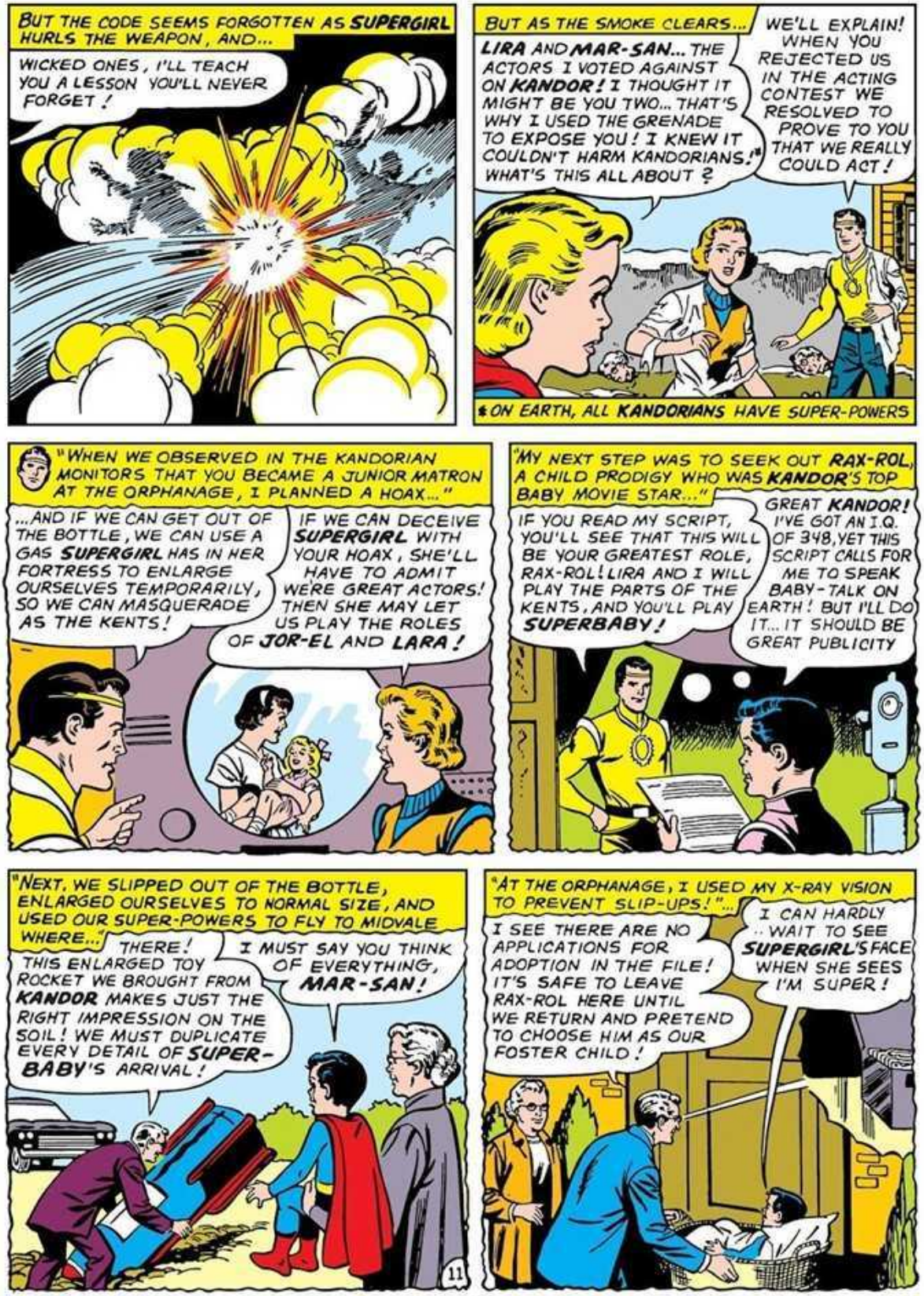
BUT THE CODE SEEMS FORGOTTEN AS SUPERGIRL HURLS THE WEAPON, AND...
WICKED ONES, I'LL TEACH YOU A LESSON YOU'LL NEVER FORGET!
BUT AS THE SMOKE CLEARS...
LIRA AND MAR-SAN... THE ACTORS I VOTED AGAINST ON KANDOR! I THOUGHT IT MIGHT BE YOU TWO... THAT'S WHY I USED THE GRENADE TO EXPOSE YOU! I KNEW IT COULDN'T HARM KANDORIANS! WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT?
WE'LL EXPLAIN! WHEN YOU REJECTED US IN THE ACTING CONTEST WE RESOLVED TO PROVE TO YOU THAT WE REALLY COULD ACT!
* ON EARTH, ALL KANDORIANS HAVE SUPER-POWERS
"WHEN WE OBSERVED IN THE KANDORIAN MONITORS THAT YOU BECAME A JUNIOR MATRON AT THE ORPHANAGE, I PLANNED A HOAX..."
...AND IF WE CAN GET OUT OF THE BOTTLE, WE CAN USE A GAS SUPERGIRL HAS IN HER FORTRESS TO ENLARGE OURSELVES TEMPORARILY, SO WE CAN MASQUERADE AS THE KENTS!
IF WE CAN DECEIVE SUPERGIRL WITH YOUR HOAX, SHE'LL HAVE TO ADMIT WE'RE GREAT ACTORS! THEN SHE MAY LET US PLAY THE ROLES OF JOR-EL AND LARA!
"MY NEXT STEP WAS TO SEEK OUT RAX-ROL, A CHILD PRODIGY WHO WAS KANDOR'S TOP BABY MOVIE STAR..."
IF YOU READ MY SCRIPT, YOU'LL SEE THAT THIS WILL BE YOUR GREATEST ROLE, RAX-ROL! LIRA AND I WILL PLAY THE PARTS OF THE KENTS, AND YOU'LL PLAY SUPERBABY!
GREAT KANDOR! I'VE GOT AN I.Q. OF 348, YET THIS SCRIPT CALLS FOR ME TO SPEAK BABY-TALK ON EARTH! BUT I'LL DO IT... IT SHOULD BE GREAT PUBLICITY
"NEXT, WE SLIPPED OUT OF THE BOTTLE, ENLARGED OURSELVES TO NORMAL SIZE, AND USED OUR SUPER-POWERS TO FLY TO MIDVALE WHERE..."
THERE! THIS ENLARGED TOY ROCKET WE BROUGHT FROM KANDOR MAKES JUST THE RIGHT IMPRESSION ON THE SOIL! WE MUST DUPLICATE EVERY DETAIL OF SUPER-BABY'S ARRIVAL!
I MUST SAY YOU THINK OF EVERYTHING, MAR-SAN!
"AT THE ORPHANAGE, I USED MY X-RAY VISION TO PREVENT SLIP-UPS!"...
I SEE THERE ARE NO APPLICATIONS FOR ADOPTION IN THE FILE! IT'S SAFE TO LEAVE RAX-ROL HERE UNTIL WE RETURN AND PRETEND TO CHOOSE HIM AS OUR FOSTER CHILD!
I CAN HARDLY .. WAIT TO SEE SUPERGIRL'S FACE WHEN SHE SEES I'M SUPER!
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EVERY DETAIL WAS PERFECT! WE EVEN RENTED A SMALL FARM AND A CAR. WE TRIED TO CONFUSE YOU BY PRETENDING TO TEACH THE NEW SUPERBABY TO USE HIS POWERS FOR MISCHIEF! YET YOU UNMASKED US! HOW?
I FIRST GREW SUSPICIOUS WHEN I SAW YOU OUT IN THE SNOW AND REALIZED YOU WEREN'T WEARING ANY WINTER GARMENTS, EVEN THOUGH IT WAS FREEZING WEATHER! ONLY SUPER BEINGS COULD BE COMFORTABLE IN ZERO CLIMATE!
"LOOKING FOR CLUES TO THE MYSTERY, I VISITED THE MEMORIAL PLANET BUILT BY SUPERMAN AND MYSELF... THERE, AS I WATCHED A PARADE..."
HM! I JUST REALIZED THAT ON KRYPTON, ALL TRAFFIC MOVES ON THE LEFT SIDE OF THE STREET, JUST THE WAY IT KEEPS TO THE RIGHT BACK IN THE U.S.A.!
"THEN, WITH MY SUPER-MEMORY, I RECALLED HOW YOU DROVE AWAY FROM THE ORPHANAGE AFTER YOU ADOPTED THE CHILD..."
HM! THAT COUPLE DROVE THEIR CAR ON THE LEFT SIDE OF THE STREET, JUST THE WAY KRYPTONIANS WOULD... OR CITIZENS OF KANDOR! I THINK I KNOW WHO THE KENTS ARE!
BOTH OF YOU, AND THIS SUPERBABY, HAD ME FOOLED COMPLETELY! I MUST ADMIT YOU'RE FINE ACTORS! I'LL TELL KANDOR TO GIVE YOU THE STARRING ROLES IN THAT MENTO-FILM!
THANKS, SUPERGIRL! YOU'RE A REAL SPORT!
AND THANKS FOR THE LULLABY! YOU'VE A GREAT VOICE!
GOODBYE, MY FRIENDS!
I'LL MISS THAT ADORABLE CHILD! HE WAS SO CUTE EVEN IF HE WAS SECRETLY LAUGHING AT ME ALL THE TIME!
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WEEKS LATER, AS SUPERMAN AND SUPERGIRL SEE THE NEW MENTO FILM...
THAT COUPLE PLAYING THE PART OF MY PARENTS ARE MAGNIFICENT ACTORS!
I COULDN'T AGREE WITH YOU MORE, SUPERMAN!
END

SUPERGIRL
IT'S COMET, MY SUPER-HORSE! :CHOKE: EATING A STRANGE PLANT HAS GIVEN HIM AMNESIA AND HE'S FORGOTTEN HE HAS POWERS! NOW HE'S SPENT HIS LIFE IN DRUDGERY AS A PLOUGH-HORSE! :GULP!: HOW MAGNIFICENT HE WAS WHEN HE WAS SUPER AND WE WENT ON MISSIONS TOGETHER!
JIM MOONEY
SHORT MONTHS AGO, A STARTLED WORLD LEARNED OF THE EXISTENCE OF SUPER-HORSE, A GALLANT CHARGER WHOSE SUPER-POWERS MATCHED THOSE OF EVEN THE MIGHTY SUPERGIRL! THEN CAME THE SHOCKING NEWS! SUPER-HORSE HAD LOST HIS MEMORY AND FORGOT THAT HE HAD SUPER-POWERS! WILL THE STEED OF STEEL EVER REGAIN HIS SUPER-POWERS AND REMEMBER HE WAS SUPERGIRL'S FRIEND? FOR THE ANSWER, READ
The Return of SUPER-HORSE!

ONE NIGHT, AS LINDA LEE DANVERS DREAMS OF HERSELF IN HER SUPERGIRL IDENTITY...
GREAT KRYPTON! THAT CIRCUS STUNT HORSE LOOKS EXACTLY LIKE MY FRIEND, SUPER-HORSE! BUT IT CAN'T BE!

AS LINDA'S WEIRD CIRCUS DREAM CONTINUES...
THOSE JUGGLERS ARE SUPERB! OH-OH! ONE OF THOSE INDIAN CLUBS SLIPPED! IT'S FLYING TOWARD ME!

SUDDENLY... THAT LEAD-COATED INDIAN CLUB... IT BROKE OPEN AND RELEASED A CHUNK OF GREEN KRYPTONITE! OHH! SUDDENLY, I FEEL SO WEAK!
HA, HA! I'VE BEEN PLANNING THIS FOR WEEKS! REVENGE IS SWEET, SUPERGIRL!
AS THE CLOWN YANKS OFF HIS MASK...
LUTHOR! I MIGHT HAVE KNOWN YOU'D BE BEHIND SUCH A TRICK! GROAN! THE PAIN! I CAN'T STAND IT!
AND WHILE THAT KRYPTONITE IS FINISHING YOU OFF, MY GANG AND I WILL RAID THE CASHIER'S OFFICE! SO LONG, SUPERGIRL!
BUT AS LUTHOR SLIPS AWAY, A GRACEFUL FIGURE FLIES UP FROM THE RING, AND...
IT'S THAT PERFORMING HORSE! GASP! HE KICKED THAT KRYPTONITE AWAY AND SAVED MY LIFE! NOW I'M SURE HE'S SUPER-HORSE!
AND AS THE STRANGE DREAM CONTINUES...
QUICK, SUPER-HORSE! LUTHOR MUSTN'T GET AWAY!
SUPERGIRL, YOU'RE JUST IN TIME! LUTHOR AND HIS GANG STOLE THE PAYROLL AND THE WEEK'S RECEIPTS!
EXIT 5
RACING AT SUPER-SPEED, THE SUPER-PAIR OVERTAKES THE MASTER CRIMINAL, AND...
GOOD WORK, SUPER-HORSE! THAT'S THE END OF LUTHOR'S CROOKED SCHEME!
AS LINDA'S DREAM ADVENTURE NEARS ITS END...
COMET! I WAS SO GLAD TO SEE YOU! IT'S BEEN WEEKS SINCE WE WENT ON A MISSION TOGETHER! I THOUGHT YOU HAD FORGOTTEN ALL ABOUT YOUR SUPER POWERS! IT'S GOOD TO SEE YOU IN ACTION ONCE MORE!
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THE NEXT MORNING, LINDA RECOUNTS HER STRANGE DREAM TO HER FOSTER PARENTS, MR. AND MRS. DANVERS...
SUPER-HORSE MUST HAVE TRANSMITTED THAT DREAM TO ME TELEPATHICALLY TO WARN ME OF DANGER! REMEMBER, WE'RE PLANNING TO GO TO THE CIRCUS TODAY!
THINKING ABOUT THE CIRCUS CAUSED THAT DREAM, LINDA! BUT THERE'S NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT-- SEE? THE NEWSPAPER SAYS TODAY'S PERFORMANCE WAS CANCELLED!
CIRCUS CANCELLED
YOU'RE RIGHT, FOLKS! SUPER-HORSE COULDN'T HAVE WARNED ME! HE HAS AMNESIA AND FORGOT HOW TO USE HIS SUPER-POWERS WHEN HE ATE SOME LOTUS BLOSSOMS, ON A JUNGLE ISLAND IN EAST AFRICA! IT HAPPENED WHILE HE WAS MAKING A MOVIE WITH LIZ GAYNOR, THE FAMOUS ACTRESS!*
*FOR THE STORY OF HOW SUPER-HORSE FORGOT HIS IDENTITY, SEE ACTION COMICS #294.
LIZ GAYNOR TOOK A FANCY TO SUPER-HORSE AND BOUGHT HIM FOR HER PRIVATE RANCH! HOWEVER, SHE'S UNAWARE OF HIS REAL IDENTITY! CHOKE; POOR COMET! I'LL USE MY TELESCOPIC VISION TO SEE IF HIS CONDITION HAS IMPROVED!
BUT HER TELESCOPIC VISION REVEALS...
OKAY IF I PUT THIS BLACK STALLION IN COMET'S STALL, MISS GAYNOR?
WHY NOT? THERE'S BEEN NO SIGN OF COMET SINCE HE DISAPPEARED LAST WEEK! FRANKLY, I'M GLAD TO GET RID OF HIM! HE WAS ACTING...ER... SORT OF HOMESICK FOR HIS OLD MASTER, WHOEVER THAT WAS!
COMET
AT THE NEWS OF SUPER-HORSE'S ESCAPE, LINDA CHANGES TO SUPER-GIRL, AND..
I MUST LOCATE COMET AT ONCE! HE MAY BE IN SOME GREAT DANGER NOW THAT HE'S FORGOTTEN WHO HE IS AND DOESN'T REMEMBER HOW TO USE HIS SUPER-POWERS!
AT THAT MOMENT, FAR TO THE WEST, COMET, DAZED BY AMNESIA, AND UNAWARE HE POSSESSES SUPER-POWERS, IS CROSSING THE BADLANDS--AND..
WHAT ROTTEN LUCK! WE'RE OUT OF GAS! WITH THE COPS AFTER US FOR THAT BANK ROBBERY, WE'RE IN A REAL JAM! STACY, COULDN'T YOU HAVE STOLEN A TRUCK WITH A FULL GAS TANK?
ACME FABRICS
CHUG CHUG PUTTER...
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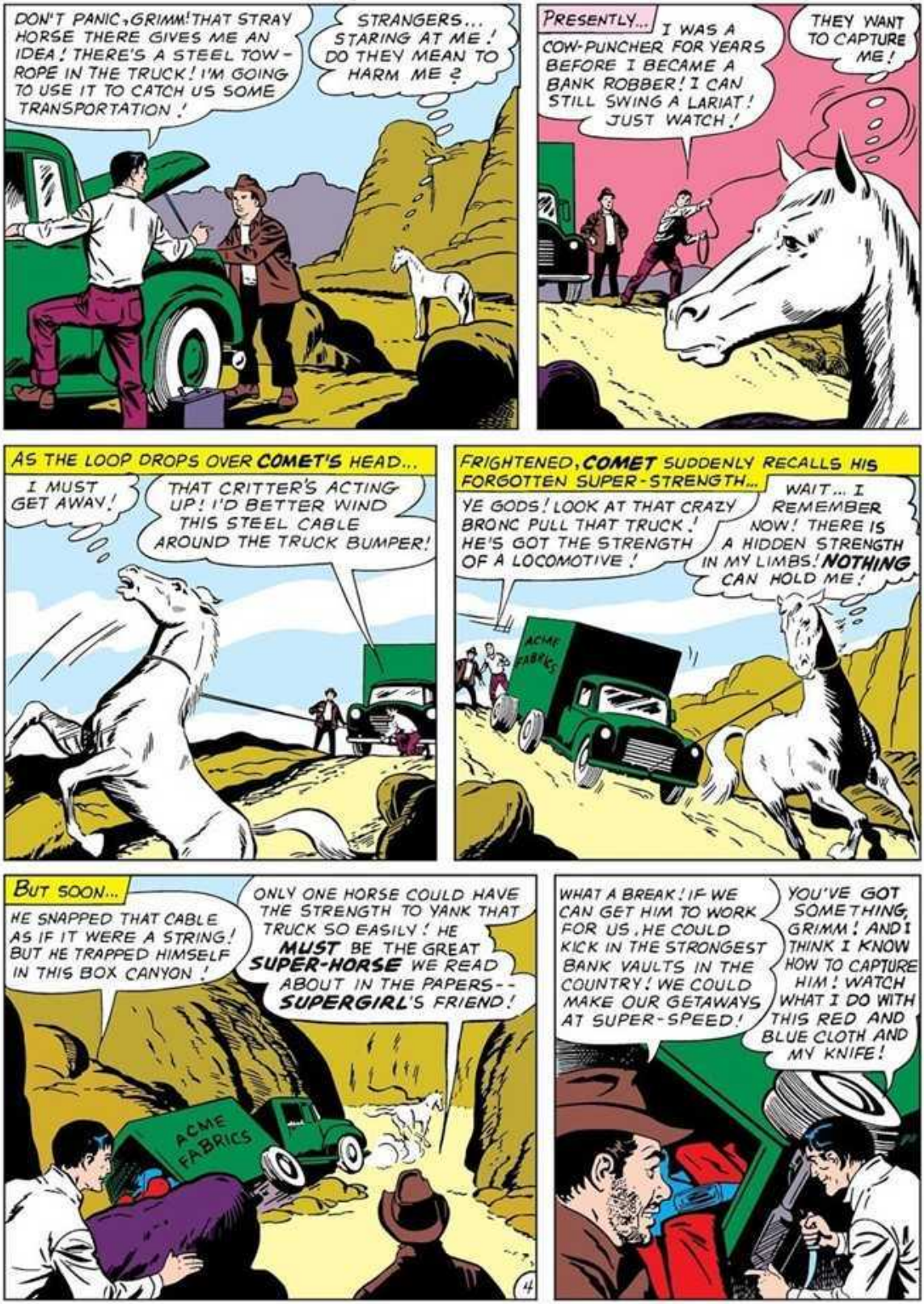
DON'T PANIC, GRIMM! THAT STRAY HORSE THERE GIVES ME AN IDEA! THERE'S A STEEL TOW-ROPE IN THE TRUCK! I'M GOING TO USE IT TO CATCH US SOME TRANSPORTATION!
STRANGERS... STARING AT ME! DO THEY MEAN TO HARM ME?
PRESENTLY... I WAS A COW-PUNCHER FOR YEARS BEFORE I BECAME A BANK ROBBER! I CAN STILL SWING A LARIAT! JUST WATCH!
THEY WANT TO CAPTURE ME!
AS THE LOOP DROPS OVER COMET'S HEAD...
I MUST GET AWAY!
THAT CRITTER'S ACTING UP! I'D BETTER WIND THIS STEEL CABLE AROUND THE TRUCK BUMPER!
FRIGHTENED, COMET SUDDENLY RECALLS HIS FORGOTTEN SUPER-STRENGTH...
YE GODS! LOOK AT THAT CRAZY BRONC PULL THAT TRUCK! HE'S GOT THE STRENGTH OF A LOCOMOTIVE!
WAIT... I REMEMBER NOW! THERE IS A HIDDEN STRENGTH IN MY LIMBS! NOTHING CAN HOLD ME!
ACME FABRICS
BUT SOON...
HE SNAPPED THAT CABLE AS IF IT WERE A STRING! BUT HE TRAPPED HIMSELF IN THIS BOX CANYON!
ONLY ONE HORSE COULD HAVE THE STRENGTH TO YANK THAT TRUCK SO EASILY! HE MUST BE THE GREAT SUPER-HORSE WE READ ABOUT IN THE PAPERS-- SUPERGIRL'S FRIEND!
ACME FABRICS
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WHAT A BREAK! IF WE CAN GET HIM TO WORK FOR US, HE COULD KICK IN THE STRONGEST BANK VAULTS IN THE COUNTRY! WE COULD MAKE OUR GETAWAYS AT SUPER-SPEED!
YOU'VE GOT SOMETHING, GRIMM! AND I THINK I KNOW HOW TO CAPTURE HIM! WATCH WHAT I DO WITH THIS RED AND BLUE CLOTH AND MY KNIFE!

WORKING SWIFTLY, THE CRIMINAL FASHIONS A CRUDE CAPE FROM THE COLORED FABRICS, AND...
SUPER-HORSE! LOOK! IT'S YOUR CAPE! DON'T YOU RECOGNIZE IT? LET ME HELP YOU PUT IT ON!
THAT GARMENT! I REMEMBER IT DIMLY! I THINK I'M SUPPOSED TO WEAR IT! PERHAPS THESE STRANGERS ARE MY FRIENDS AFTER ALL!
STILL BEFUDDLED BY HIS AMNESIA, COMET LETS THEM PUT ON THE CAPE, AND...
AND NOW, SUPER-HORSE, WE'VE GOT A MISSION FOR YOU! YOU'VE GOT TO HELP US TO ESCAPE SOME CHUCKLE BAD MEN WHO ARE CHASING US!
HELP?...YES! I REMEMBER NOW! I'M SUPPOSED TO HELP PEOPLE IN TIME OF DANGER! IT'S MY DUTY!
AS THE THIEVES MOUNT, SUDDENLY...
IT'S THOSE BANDITS, STACY AND GRIMM! WE'VE GOT THEM CORNERED!
ULP! COME ON, SUPER-HORSE, YOU CAN DO BETTER THAN THIS! POUR IT ON! LET'S SEE SOME OF THAT SUPER-SPEED!
AS COMET COMES TO A RIVER...
I'LL SWIM UP THIS WATERFALL! NO ONE CAN FOLLOW ME AGAINST THIS MIGHTY CURRENT!
SUPER-HORSE, WAIT! GLUB! GLUB! WHOA! GLUG!
AND NOW THE STALLION REMEMBERS ANOTHER SUPER-POWER!
GREAT SCOTT! THAT HORSE LEFT US AS IF WE'RE STANDING STILL!
SUDDENLY I CAN SPEED LIKE THE WIND! GOOD! NOW I CAN HELP MY FRIENDS ESCAPE FROM THOSE BAD MEN!
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BUT THE POWER OF THE WATERFALL IS TOO MUCH FOR THE CRIMINALS, AND...
GLUG! I CAN'T HOLD ON!
GLUB! GLUB! WE'RE FALLING!
SHORT MOMENTS LATER, DOWNSTREAM..
I TELL YOU ONLY SUPER-HORSE COULD HAVE GONE UP THAT WATERFALL! LUCKY FOR US HIS RIDERS WEREN'T SUPER! HELP ME FISH THEM OUT!
MEANWHILE, COMET SEEKS A PLACE TO HIDE...
THOSE TWO HUMANS..THEY WERE CRUEL! I'LL HIDE HERE SO I'LL BE SAFE FROM OTHERS LIKE THEM!
POOR COMET! HE STILL DOESN'T REALIZE HE IS INVULNERABLE AND THAT NOTHING ON EARTH CAN HARM HIM! AND HIS CAPE IS GONE, TORN LOOSE BY THE WATERFALL!
AT THAT MOMENT, SUPERGIRL ARRIVES...
SUPERGIRL! THESE ROBBERS WERE USING SUPER-HORSE TO ESCAPE! HE SWAM STRAIGHT UP THAT WATERFALL!
THANKS! I'LL CHECK INTO IT AT ONCE!
HIS SUPER-POWERS ARE RETURNING, BUT HE'S STILL GOT AMNESIA! THAT'S WHY THESE CROOKS COULD CONTROL HIM!
STREAKING OVER THE BADLANDS, SUPERGIRL SEARCHES FOR HER STEED...
I'VE USED TELESCOPIC AND X-RAY VISION ON EVERY CANYON AND GULLY IN THIS AREA, BUT I CAN'T FIND SUPER-HORSE! HE MUST HAVE STREAKED AWAY AT SUPER-SPEED!
BUT SUPERGIRL'S X-RAY VISION CANNOT PENETRATE THE LEAD MINE WHICH SHELTER HER EQUINE FRIEND...
NO! NOT A SIGN OF HIM! I'D BETTER LOOK FOR HIM ELSEWHERE! I MUST FIND HIM BEFORE HE GETS INTO MORE TROUBLE!
WESTERN LEAD MINING COMPANY
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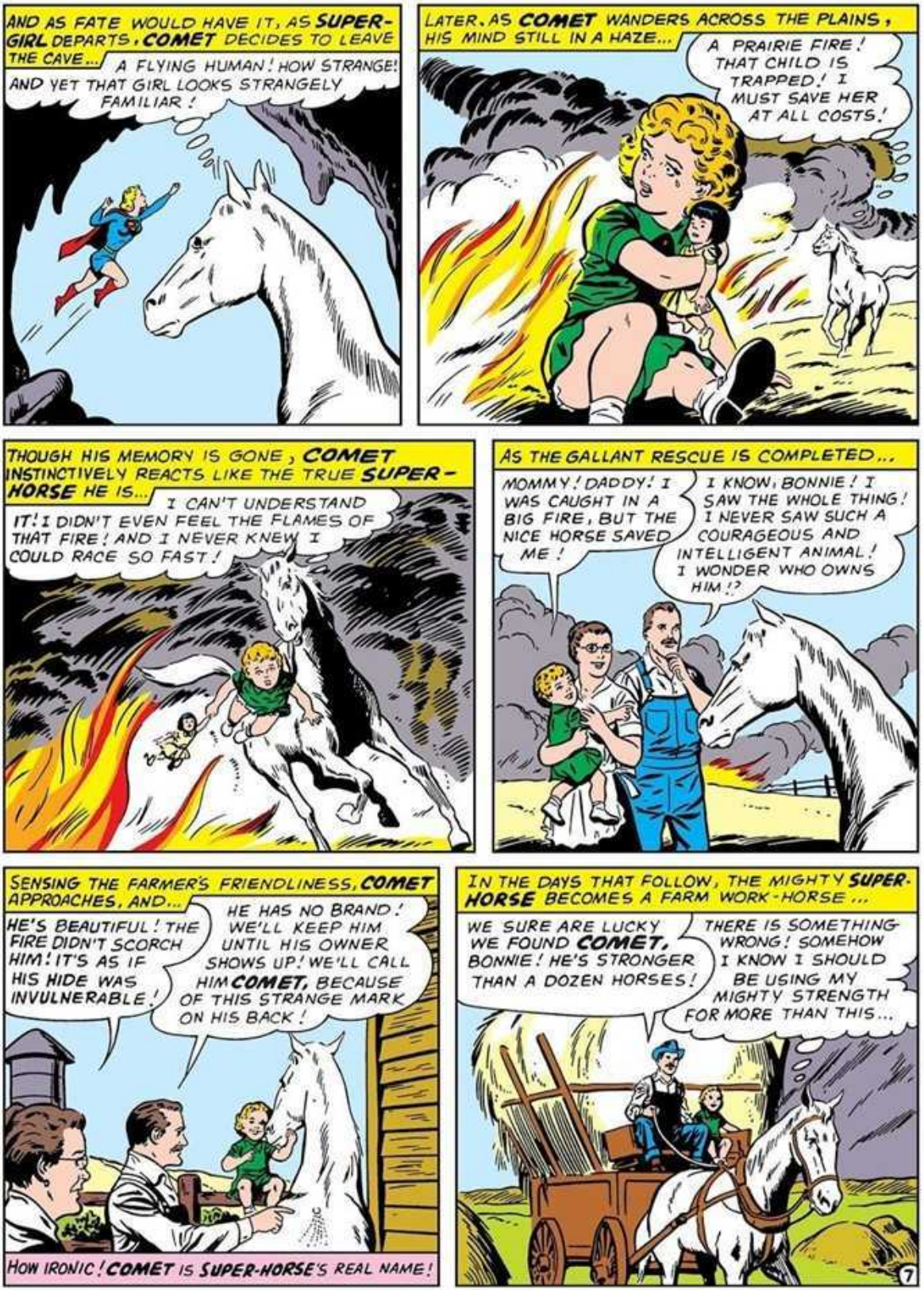
AND AS FATE WOULD HAVE IT, AS SUPER-GIRL DEPARTS, COMET DECIDES TO LEAVE THE CAVE...
A FLYING HUMAN! HOW STRANGE! AND YET THAT GIRL LOOKS STRANGELY FAMILIAR!
LATER, AS COMET WANDERS ACROSS THE PLAINS, HIS MIND STILL IN A HAZE...
A PRAIRIE FIRE! THAT CHILD IS TRAPPED! I MUST SAVE HER AT ALL COSTS!
THOUGH HIS MEMORY IS GONE, COMET INSTINCTIVELY REACTS LIKE THE TRUE SUPER-HORSE HE IS...
I CAN'T UNDERSTAND IT! I DIDN'T EVEN FEEL THE FLAMES OF THAT FIRE! AND I NEVER KNEW I COULD RACE SO FAST!
AS THE GALLANT RESCUE IS COMPLETED...
MOMMY! DADDY! I WAS CAUGHT IN A BIG FIRE, BUT THE NICE HORSE SAVED ME!
I KNOW, BONNIE! I SAW THE WHOLE THING! I NEVER SAW SUCH A COURAGEOUS AND INTELLIGENT ANIMAL! I WONDER WHO OWNS HIM!?
SENSING THE FARMER'S FRIENDLINESS, COMET APPROACHES, AND...
HE'S BEAUTIFUL! THE FIRE DIDN'T SCORCH HIM! IT'S AS IF HIS HIDE WAS INVULNERABLE!
HE HAS NO BRAND! WE'LL KEEP HIM UNTIL HIS OWNER SHOWS UP! WE'LL CALL HIM COMET, BECAUSE OF THIS STRANGE MARK ON HIS BACK!
HOW IRONIC! COMET IS SUPER-HORSE'S REAL NAME!
IN THE DAYS THAT FOLLOW, THE MIGHTY SUPER-HORSE BECOMES A FARM WORK-HORSE...
WE SURE ARE LUCKY WE FOUND COMET, BONNIE! HE'S STRONGER THAN A DOZEN HORSES!
THERE IS SOMETHING WRONG! SOMEHOW I KNOW I SHOULD BE USING MY MIGHTY STRENGTH FOR MORE THAN THIS...
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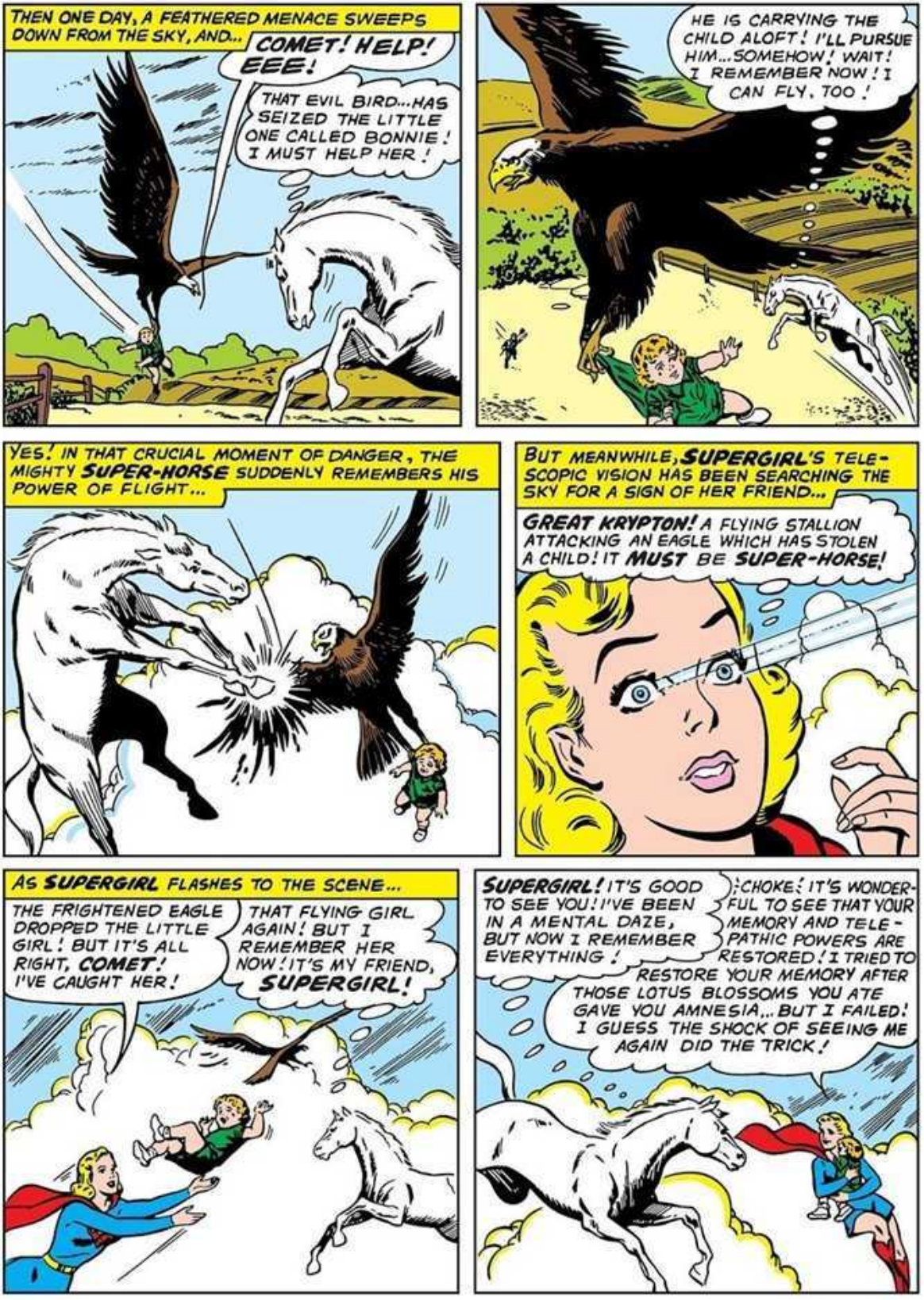
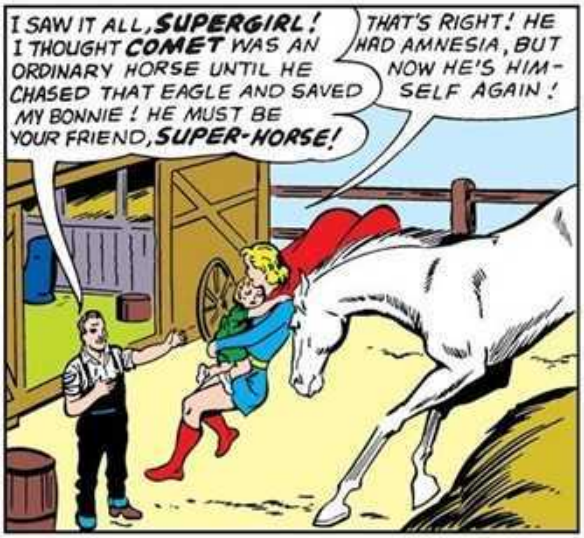

THEN ONE DAY, A FEATHERED MENACE SWEEPS DOWN FROM THE SKY, AND...
COMET! HELP! EEE!
THAT EVIL BIRD...HAS SEIZED THE LITTLE ONE CALLED BONNIE! I MUST HELP HER!
HE IS CARRYING THE CHILD ALOFT! I'LL PURSUE HIM...SOMEHOW! WAIT! I REMEMBER NOW! I CAN FLY, TOO!
YES! IN THAT CRUCIAL MOMENT OF DANGER, THE MIGHTY SUPER-HORSE SUDDENLY REMEMBERS HIS POWER OF FLIGHT...
BUT MEANWHILE, SUPERGIRL'S TELESCOPIC VISION HAS BEEN SEARCHING THE SKY FOR A SIGN OF HER FRIEND...
GREAT KRYPTON! A FLYING STALLION ATTACKING AN EAGLE WHICH HAS STOLEN A CHILD! IT MUST BE SUPER-HORSE!
AS SUPERGIRL FLASHES TO THE SCENE...
THE FRIGHTENED EAGLE DROPPED THE LITTLE GIRL! BUT IT'S ALL RIGHT, COMET! I'VE CAUGHT HER!
THAT FLYING GIRL AGAIN! BUT I REMEMBER HER NOW! IT'S MY FRIEND, SUPERGIRL!
SUPERGIRL! IT'S GOOD TO SEE YOU! I'VE BEEN IN A MENTAL DAZE, BUT NOW I REMEMBER EVERYTHING!
;CHOKE! IT'S WONDERFUL TO SEE THAT YOUR MEMORY AND TELEPATHIC POWERS ARE RESTORED! I TRIED TO RESTORE YOUR MEMORY AFTER THOSE LOTUS BLOSSOMS YOU ATE GAVE YOU AMNESIA... BUT I FAILED! I GUESS THE SHOCK OF SEEING ME AGAIN DID THE TRICK!


I SAW IT ALL, SUPERGIRL! I THOUGHT COMET WAS AN ORDINARY HORSE UNTIL HE CHASED THAT EAGLE AND SAVED MY BONNIE! HE MUST BE YOUR FRIEND, SUPER-HORSE!
THAT'S RIGHT! HE HAD AMNESIA, BUT NOW HE'S HIMSELF AGAIN!

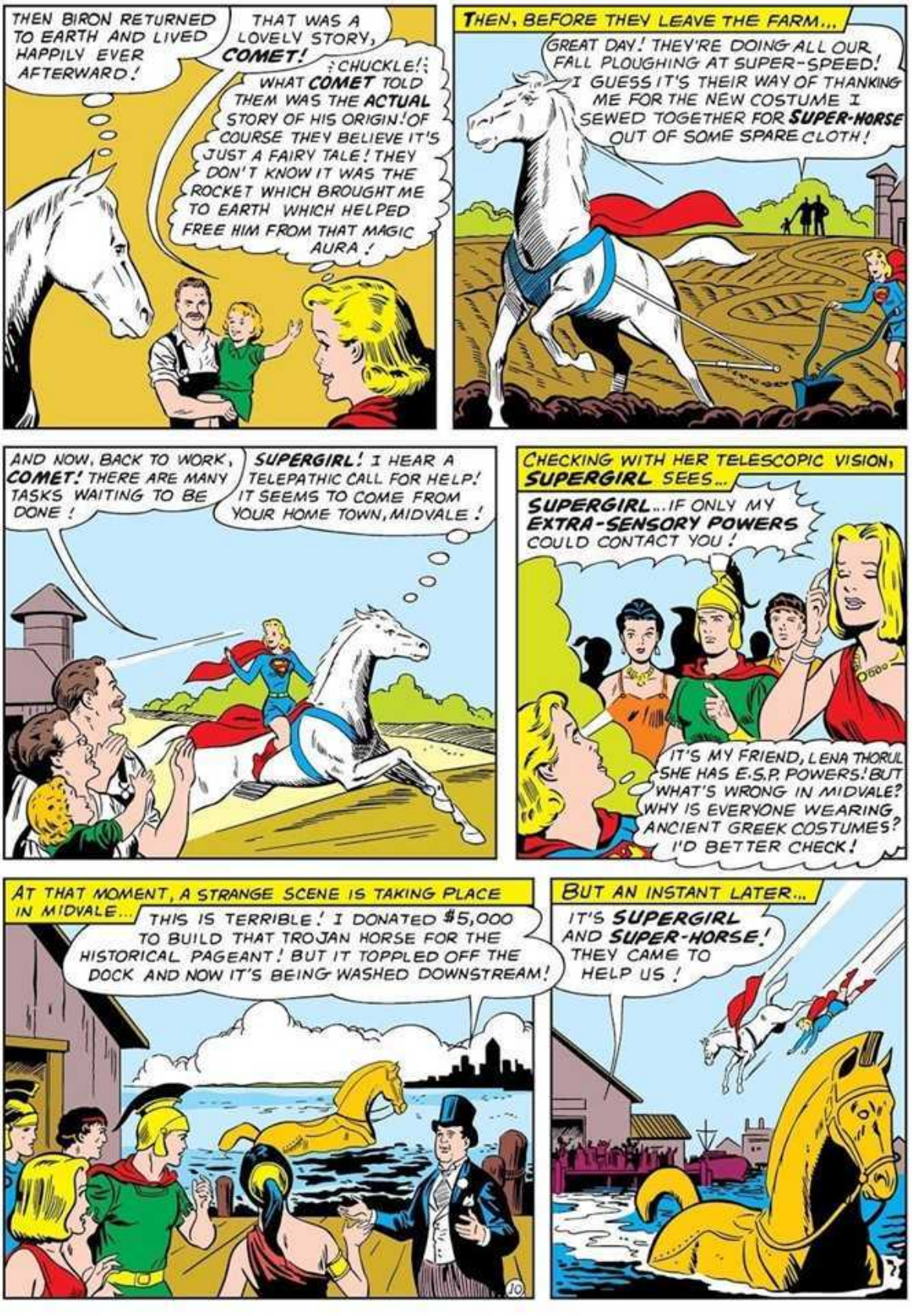
AS FRIGHTENED BONNIE CONTINUES WEEPING...
HUSH NOW, LITTLE ONE! STOP CRYING AND I'LL TELL YOU A STORY!
COMET! YOU'RE SPEAKING TO ME... I CAN HEAR YOU INSIDE MY HEAD! ALL RIGHT, I'LL LISTEN!
AMAZING! I CAN HEAR HIM TELEPATHICALLY, TOO!

"LONG AGO, THERE WAS A CENTAUR NAMED BIRON! THOUGH HALF MAN AND HALF HORSE HE LOVED CIRCE THE BEAUTIFUL ENCHANTRESS...
THIS IS MY GREATEST ACHIEVEMENT AS A SORCERESS! ONE VIAL CONTAINS AN ELIXIR THAT WILL TURN YOU INTO A HORSE! THIS ONE WILL TURN YOU INTO A MAN! DRINK, BIRON!
CIRCE, HOW CAN I THANK YOU FOR MAKING MY WISH TO BE A NORMAL MAN COME TRUE?

"BUT CIRCE'S RIVAL, THE EVIL WIZARD, MALDOR, HAD SWITCHED THE POTIONS, AND..."
SOMETHING'S HAPPENING! MY FACE... IT'S CHANGING! GROWING LONGER... HEAVIER!
GASP! I GAVE HIM THE WRONG POTION! NO! NO!

"TO MAKE UP FOR HER MISTAKE, CIRCE MIXED YET ANOTHER ELIXIR..."
THIS BREW WILL GIVE YOU THE MIGHT OF JOVE, THE SPEED OF MERCURY, THE WISDOM OF ATHENA AND THE TELEPATHIC POWERS OF NEPTUNE! YOU WILL HAVE THE SUPER-POWERS OF THE GODS... AND THE IMMORTALITY AS WELL!

"BUT MALDOR USED AN EVIL SPELL TO EXILE BIRON TO THE DISTANT STARS WHERE HE WAS IMPRISONED IN A MAGIC AURA UNTIL..."
THE FORCE OF THE REPELLER RAYS FROM THAT ROCKET SHATTERED MALDOR'S MAGIC AURA! I'M FREE! FREE!


THEN BIRON RETURNED TO EARTH AND LIVED HAPPILY EVER AFTERWARD!
THAT WAS A LOVELY STORY, COMET!
:CHUCKLE!: WHAT COMET TOLD THEM WAS THE ACTUAL STORY OF HIS ORIGIN! OF COURSE THEY BELIEVE IT'S JUST A FAIRY TALE! THEY DON'T KNOW IT WAS THE ROCKET WHICH BROUGHT ME TO EARTH WHICH HELPED FREE HIM FROM THAT MAGIC AURA!
THEN, BEFORE THEY LEAVE THE FARM...
GREAT DAY! THEY'RE DOING ALL OUR FALL PLOUGHING AT SUPER-SPEED! I GUESS IT'S THEIR WAY OF THANKING ME FOR THE NEW COSTUME I SEWED TOGETHER FOR SUPER-HORSE OUT OF SOME SPARE CLOTH!
AND NOW, BACK TO WORK, COMET! THERE ARE MANY TASKS WAITING TO BE DONE!
SUPERGIRL! I HEAR A TELEPATHIC CALL FOR HELP! IT SEEMS TO COME FROM YOUR HOME TOWN, MIDVALE!
CHECKING WITH HER TELESCOPIC VISION, SUPERGIRL SEES...
SUPERGIRL...IF ONLY MY EXTRA-SENSORY POWERS COULD CONTACT YOU!
IT'S MY FRIEND, LENA THORUL SHE HAS E.S.P. POWERS! BUT WHAT'S WRONG IN MIDVALE? WHY IS EVERYONE WEARING ANCIENT GREEK COSTUMES? I'D BETTER CHECK!
AT THAT MOMENT, A STRANGE SCENE IS TAKING PLACE IN MIDVALE...
THIS IS TERRIBLE! I DONATED $5,000 TO BUILD THAT TROJAN HORSE FOR THE HISTORICAL PAGEANT! BUT IT TOPPLED OFF THE DOCK AND NOW IT'S BEING WASHED DOWNSTREAM!
BUT AN INSTANT LATER...
IT'S SUPERGIRL AND SUPER-HORSE! THEY CAME TO HELP US!
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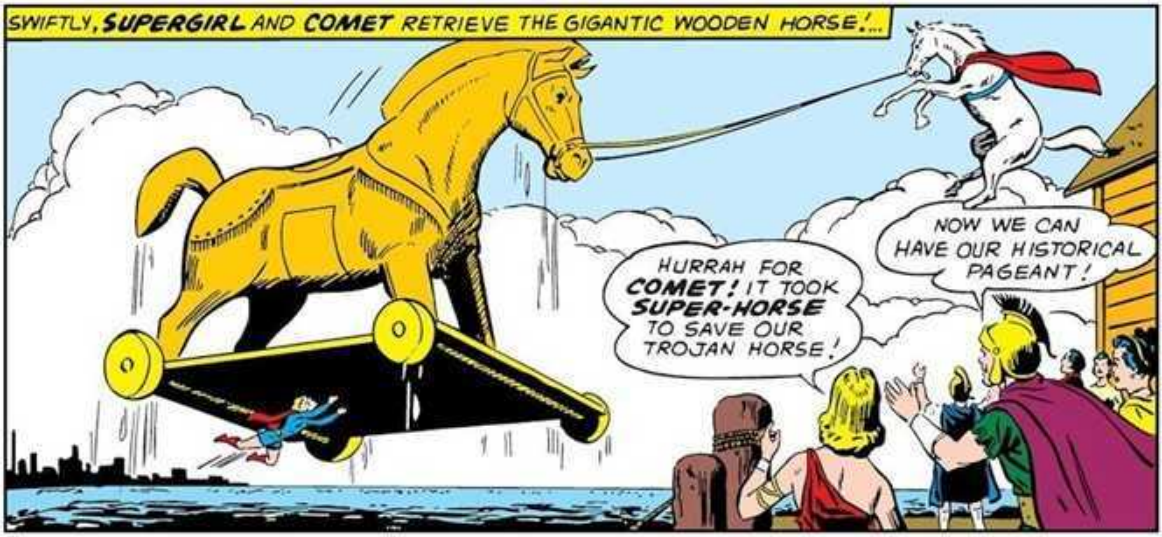
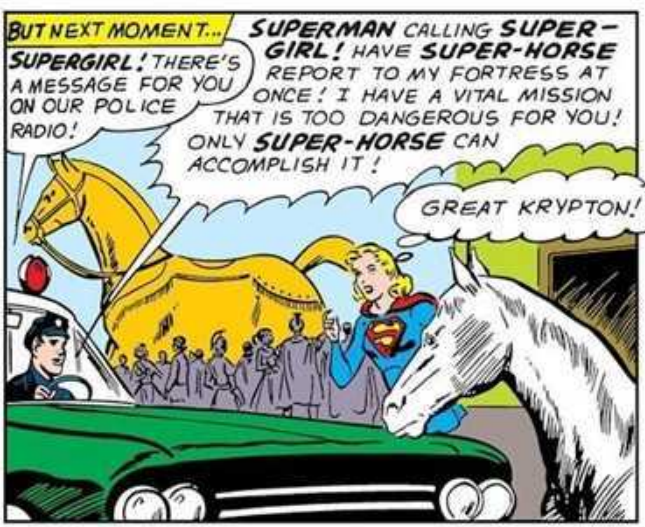

SWIFTLY, SUPERGIRL AND COMET RETRIEVE THE GIGANTIC WOODEN HORSE!...
HURRAH FOR COMET! IT TOOK SUPER-HORSE TO SAVE OUR TROJAN HORSE!
NOW WE CAN HAVE OUR HISTORICAL PAGEANT!


BUT NEXT MOMENT...
SUPERGIRL! THERE'S A MESSAGE FOR YOU ON OUR POLICE RADIO!
SUPERMAN CALLING SUPER-GIRL! HAVE SUPER-HORSE REPORT TO MY FORTRESS AT ONCE! I HAVE A VITAL MISSION THAT IS TOO DANGEROUS FOR YOU! ONLY SUPER-HORSE CAN ACCOMPLISH IT!
GREAT KRYPTON!

AS COMET RESPONDS TO THE SUMMONS...
A MISSION THAT ONLY YOU CAN ACCOMPLISH... A TASK THAT IS TOO DANGEROUS FOR ME? WHAT CAN IT POSSIBLY BE?
The End
WHAT WEIRD PERILS, WHAT DANGEROUS ADVENTURES, LIE IN STORE FOR COMET ON THIS MYSTERIOUS MISSION AHEAD? SEE OUR NEXT ISSUE!
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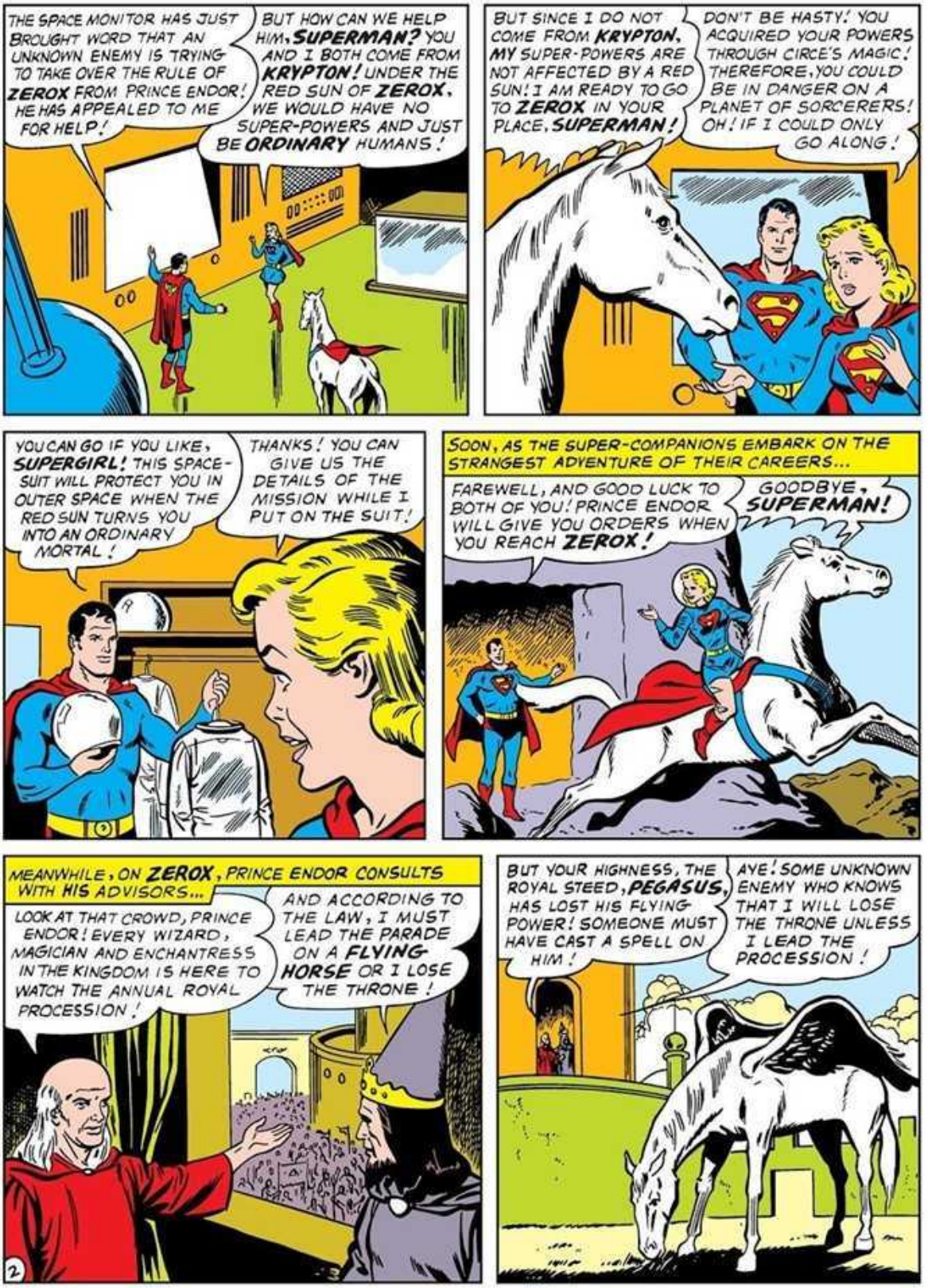
SUPERGIRL

SUPERGIRL
HOLD THAT CENTAUR! DON'T LET HIM BREAK AWAY! THAT WEIRD BEAST IS WORTH A FORTUNE!
GROAN! I'M TRAPPED IN THIS NET! SUPERGIRL COULD RELEASE ME IN AN INSTANT, YET I CANNOT CALL FOR HER HELP WITHOUT REVEALING MY SECRET IDENTITY AS SUPER-HORSE!
SHORT MONTHS AGO THE EXISTENCE OF SUPER-HORSE WAS EXPOSED TO A STARTLED WORLD. OUT OF NOWHERE HE CAME. A MIGHTY STALLION WHOSE SUPER-POWERS WERE EVEN GREATER THAN THOSE OF SUPERGIRL HERSELF! AND NOW COMES HIS MOST INCREDIBLE ADVENTURE...A JOURNEY TO THE MYSTERIOUS SORCERERS' PLANET, WHERE WITCHCRAFT IS GREATER THAN SCIENCE AND WHERE A MAGIC SPELL RESULTS IN
The SECRET IDENTITY of SUPER-HORSE!
JIM MOONEY

ONE DAY AS SUPERGIRL AND COMET, HER SUPER-HORSE, ARE SUMMONED TO SUPERMAN'S FORTRESS OF SOLITUDE...
SUPERMAN! BY READING YOUR THOUGHTS TELEPATHICALLY, I KNOW YOU HAVE AN URGENT TASK FOR ME!
IT'S TRUE, COMET! I NEED YOU TO HELP AN OLD FRIEND OF MINE! I WILL EXPLAIN!

"MANY YEARS AGO, PRINCE ENDOR, OF ZEROX, THE SORCERERS' PLANET, HELPED ME WHEN I WAS IN TROUBLE..."
OUR RED SUN HAS ROBBED YOU OF YOUR SUPER-POWERS! BUT MY MAGIC SPELL WILL INSTANTLY TRANSPORT YOU BACK TO YOUR OWN SOLAR SYSTEM, WHERE ITS YELLOW SUN WILL RESTORE YOUR SUPER-ABILITIES!
THANKS, PRINCE ENDOR! SOME DAY I HOPE TO REPAY YOU!


THE SPACE MONITOR HAS JUST BROUGHT WORD THAT AN UNKNOWN ENEMY IS TRYING TO TAKE OVER THE RULE OF ZEROX FROM PRINCE ENDOR! HE HAS APPEALED TO ME FOR HELP!
BUT HOW CAN WE HELP HIM, SUPERMAN? YOU AND I BOTH COME FROM KRYPTON! UNDER THE RED SUN OF ZEROX, WE WOULD HAVE NO SUPER-POWERS AND JUST BE ORDINARY HUMANS!
BUT SINCE I DO NOT COME FROM KRYPTON, MY SUPER-POWERS ARE NOT AFFECTED BY A RED SUN! I AM READY TO GO TO ZEROX IN YOUR PLACE, SUPERMAN!
DON'T BE HASTY! YOU ACQUIRED YOUR POWERS THROUGH CIRCE'S MAGIC! THEREFORE, YOU COULD BE IN DANGER ON A PLANET OF SORCERERS! OH! IF I COULD ONLY GO ALONG!
YOU CAN GO IF YOU LIKE, SUPERGIRL! THIS SPACE-SUIT WILL PROTECT YOU IN OUTER SPACE WHEN THE RED SUN TURNS YOU INTO AN ORDINARY MORTAL!
THANKS! YOU CAN GIVE US THE DETAILS OF THE MISSION WHILE I PUT ON THE SUIT!
SOON, AS THE SUPER-COMPANIONS EMBARK ON THE STRANGEST ADVENTURE OF THEIR CAREERS...
FAREWELL, AND GOOD LUCK TO BOTH OF YOU! PRINCE ENDOR WILL GIVE YOU ORDERS WHEN YOU REACH ZEROX!
GOODBYE, SUPERMAN!
MEANWHILE, ON ZEROX, PRINCE ENDOR CONSULTS WITH HIS ADVISORS...
LOOK AT THAT CROWD, PRINCE ENDOR! EVERY WIZARD, MAGICIAN AND ENCHANTRESS IN THE KINGDOM IS HERE TO WATCH THE ANNUAL ROYAL PROCESSION!
AND ACCORDING TO THE LAW, I MUST LEAD THE PARADE ON A FLYING HORSE OR I LOSE THE THRONE!
BUT YOUR HIGHNESS, THE ROYAL STEED, PEGASUS, HAS LOST HIS FLYING POWER! SOMEONE MUST HAVE CAST A SPELL ON HIM!
AYE! SOME UNKNOWN ENEMY WHO KNOWS THAT I WILL LOSE THE THRONE UNLESS I LEAD THE PROCESSION!
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BUT EVIL EYES ARE WATCHING FROM A NEARBY WINDOW...
HA. MY UNCLE, THE PRINCE, DOESN'T SUSPECT THAT I FED PEGASUS A MAGIC POTION THAT WILL PREVENT HIM FROM FLYING FOR A DAY! IF HE FAILS TO LEAD THE PARADE, I ASCEND TO THE THRONE!
YOU WILL MAKE A MUCH BETTER RULER, LORD NOMED! PRINCE ENDOR IS GROWING OLD! HIS SPELLS AND CHARMS ARE WEAK AND USELESS!
BUT AS THE ROYAL TRUMPETS HERALD THE PARADE...
YOUR HIGHNESS, HOW CAN YOU LEAD THE PROCESSION WITHOUT PEGASUS?
WAIT! LOOK THERE... IN THE SKY!
IT'S SUPER-HORSE AND SUPERGIRL! SUPERMAN SENT THEM HERE TO HELP ME!
BY THE DEMONS AND DARK POWERS! THIS COULD RUIN MY PLAN!
PRINCE ENDOR, WAIT! THE LAW SAYS THAT YOU MUST RIDE PEGASUS IN ORDER TO KEEP THE THRONE!
YOU ARE WRONG, LORD NOMED! IT SAYS ONLY THAT THE PRINCE MUST RIDE A FLYING HORSE!
AS THE EVIL LORD NOMED HIDES HIS CHAGRIN...
ON BEHALF OF ALL ZEROX, WE ARE OVERJOYED THAT YOU WILL REMAIN OUR RULER! I WILL ESCORT SUPERGIRL TO THE PARADE!
AND I'LL FIND SOME WAY TO GET EVEN WITH HER FOR BRINGING SUPER-HORSE HERE!
REMOVING HER SPACESUIT, SUPERGIRL WITNESSES THE BIZARRE PROCESSION...
GREAT KRYPTON! THAT FIRE-BREATHING BEAST IS LIKE A WEIRD COMBINATION OF A LION, A GOAT AND A DRAGON!
HAVEN'T YOU EVER SEEN A CHIMERA BEFORE, SUPERGIRL? THEY'RE QUITE COMMON ON OUR WORLD!
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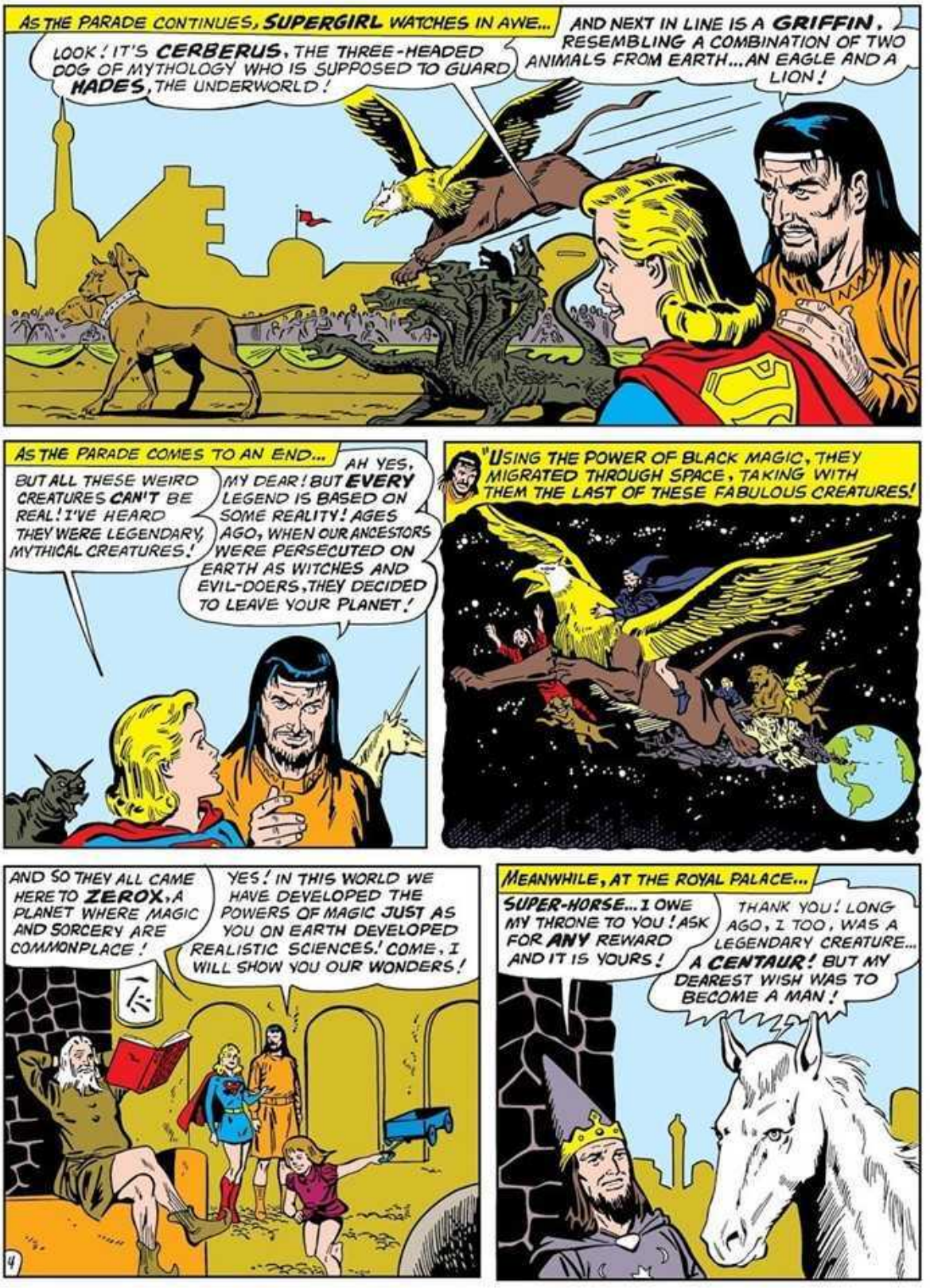
AS THE PARADE CONTINUES, SUPERGIRL WATCHES IN AWE...
LOOK! IT'S CERBERUS, THE THREE-HEADED DOG OF MYTHOLOGY WHO IS SUPPOSED TO GUARD HADES, THE UNDERWORLD!
AND NEXT IN LINE IS A GRIFFIN, RESEMBLING A COMBINATION OF TWO ANIMALS FROM EARTH... AN EAGLE AND A LION!
AS THE PARADE COMES TO AN END...
BUT ALL THESE WEIRD CREATURES CAN'T BE REAL! I'VE HEARD THEY WERE LEGENDARY, MYTHICAL CREATURES!
AH YES, MY DEAR! BUT EVERY LEGEND IS BASED ON SOME REALITY! AGES AGO, WHEN OUR ANCESTORS WERE PERSECUTED ON EARTH AS WITCHES AND EVIL-DOERS, THEY DECIDED TO LEAVE YOUR PLANET!
"USING THE POWER OF BLACK MAGIC, THEY MIGRATED THROUGH SPACE, TAKING WITH THEM THE LAST OF THESE FABULOUS CREATURES!
AND SO THEY ALL CAME HERE TO ZEROX, A PLANET WHERE MAGIC AND SORCERY ARE COMMONPLACE!
YES! IN THIS WORLD WE HAVE DEVELOPED THE POWERS OF MAGIC JUST AS YOU ON EARTH DEVELOPED REALISTIC SCIENCES! COME, I WILL SHOW YOU OUR WONDERS!
MEANWHILE, AT THE ROYAL PALACE...
SUPER-HORSE... I OWE MY THRONE TO YOU! ASK FOR ANY REWARD AND IT IS YOURS!
THANK YOU! LONG AGO, I TOO, WAS A LEGENDARY CREATURE... A CENTAUR! BUT MY DEAREST WISH WAS TO BECOME A MAN!
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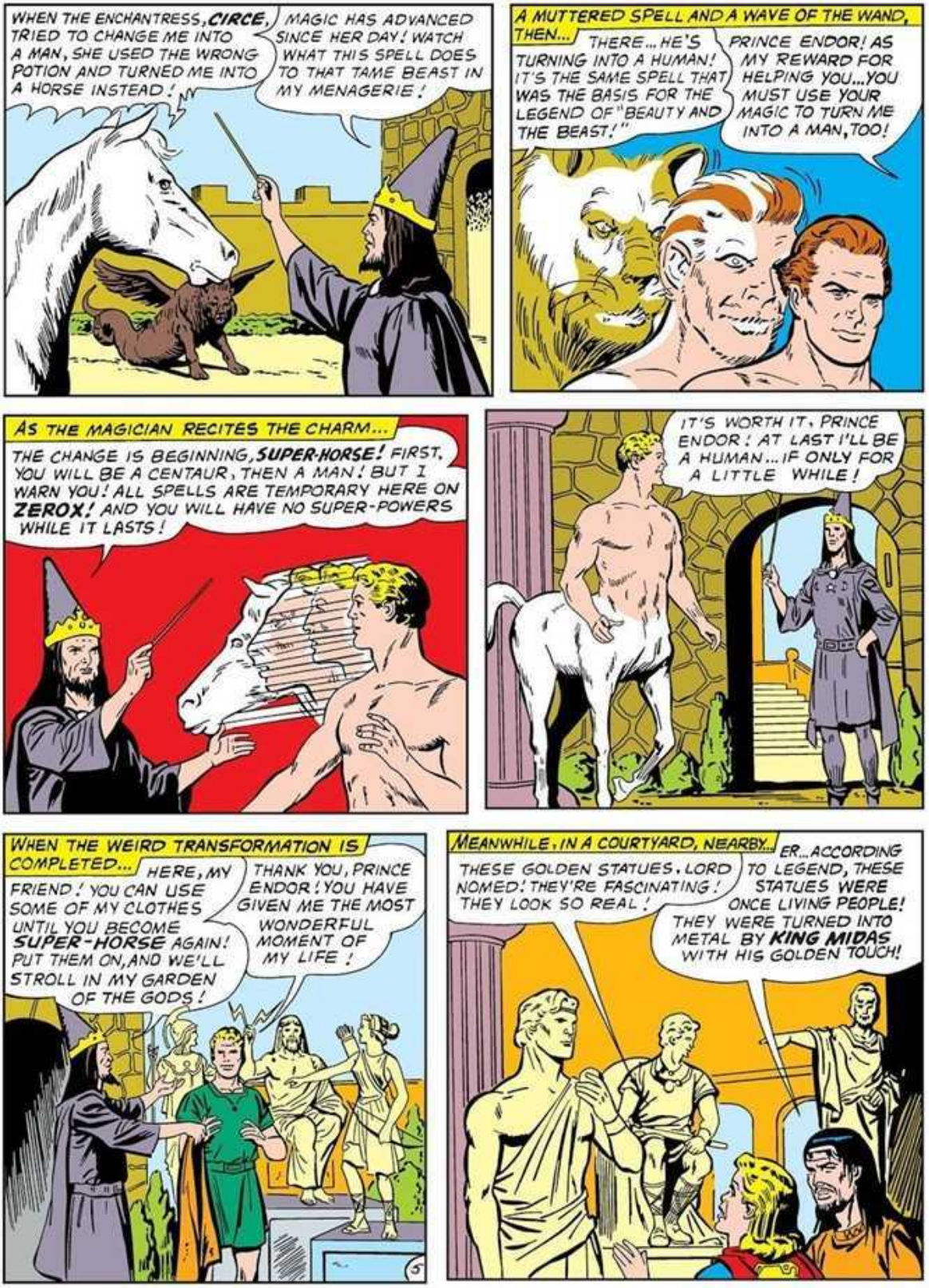
WHEN THE ENCHANTRESS, CIRCE, TRIED TO CHANGE ME INTO A MAN, SHE USED THE WRONG POTION AND TURNED ME INTO A HORSE INSTEAD!
MAGIC HAS ADVANCED SINCE HER DAY! WATCH WHAT THIS SPELL DOES TO THAT TAME BEAST IN MY MENAGERIE!
A MUTTERED SPELL AND A WAVE OF THE WAND, THEN...
THERE... HE'S TURNING INTO A HUMAN! IT'S THE SAME SPELL THAT WAS THE BASIS FOR THE LEGEND OF "BEAUTY AND THE BEAST!"
PRINCE ENDOR! AS MY REWARD FOR HELPING YOU... YOU MUST USE YOUR MAGIC TO TURN ME INTO A MAN, TOO!
AS THE MAGICIAN RECITES THE CHARM...
THE CHANGE IS BEGINNING, SUPER-HORSE! FIRST, YOU WILL BE A CENTAUR, THEN A MAN! BUT I WARN YOU! ALL SPELLS ARE TEMPORARY HERE ON ZEROX! AND YOU WILL HAVE NO SUPER-POWERS WHILE IT LASTS!
IT'S WORTH IT, PRINCE ENDOR! AT LAST I'LL BE A HUMAN... IF ONLY FOR A LITTLE WHILE!
WHEN THE WEIRD TRANSFORMATION IS COMPLETED...
HERE, MY FRIEND! YOU CAN USE SOME OF MY CLOTHES UNTIL YOU BECOME SUPER-HORSE AGAIN! PUT THEM ON, AND WE'LL STROLL IN MY GARDEN OF THE GODS!
THANK YOU, PRINCE ENDOR! YOU HAVE GIVEN ME THE MOST WONDERFUL MOMENT OF MY LIFE!
MEANWHILE, IN A COURTYARD, NEARBY...
THESE GOLDEN STATUES, LORD NOMED! THEY'RE FASCINATING! THEY LOOK SO REAL!
ER... ACCORDING TO LEGEND, THESE STATUES WERE ONCE LIVING PEOPLE! THEY WERE TURNED INTO METAL BY KING MIDAS WITH HIS GOLDEN TOUCH!

ACTUALLY IT WAS I WHO TURNED THOSE PEOPLE INTO GOLD BY MEANS OF A MAGIC POTION! CHUCKLE! THE VERY FORMULA I'M POURING FOR SUPERGIRL!
THE WEATHER IS WARM, SUPERGIRL! HERE, THIS DRINK WILL REFRESH YOU!
THANK YOU, LORD NOMED!
BUT AT THAT MOMENT, IN THE PRINCE'S PALACE, NEAR BY...
GASP! LOOK! NOMED IS POURING SUPERGIRL A DRINK! I RECOGNIZE THAT FOAMING GREEN POTION! IT'S A FORBIDDEN BREW THAT WILL TURN HER INTO A GOLD STATUE, PERMANENTLY!
I'VE GOT TO STOP HIM! I HAVE NO SUPER-POWERS, BUT PERHAPS DIANA'S BOW AND ARROW CAN HELP ME!
AN INSTANT LATER...
GASP! AN ARROW KNOCKED THE CUP OUT OF MY HAND!
THE POTION SPLASHED ALL OVER ME! I'M TURNING INTO GOLD! OH, NO!
IN THE NEXT INCREDIBLE MOMENT...
THAT LIQUID TURNED LORD NOMED INTO A GOLDEN STATUE! CHOKE! IF I HAD TASTED EVEN A DROP OF IT... OOOHHH!
THE SHOCK MADE SUPERGIRL FAINT! I'D BETTER SEE IF SHE NEEDS HELP!
AS HER SENSES REEL, SUPERGIRL SEES A MISTY FACE ABOVE HER...
SUPERGIRL! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
EVERYTHING WENT BLACK-- FEELING BETTER NOW... WHO ARE YOU?
BUT AS SUPERGIRL COMES TO...
THAT HANDSOME MAN WHO WAS JUST HERE, PRINCE ENDOR! WHO WAS HE?
ER--AN ARCHER! HE HAD TO LEAVE! IT WAS HIS ARROW THAT SAVED YOUR LIFE, SUPERGIRL!
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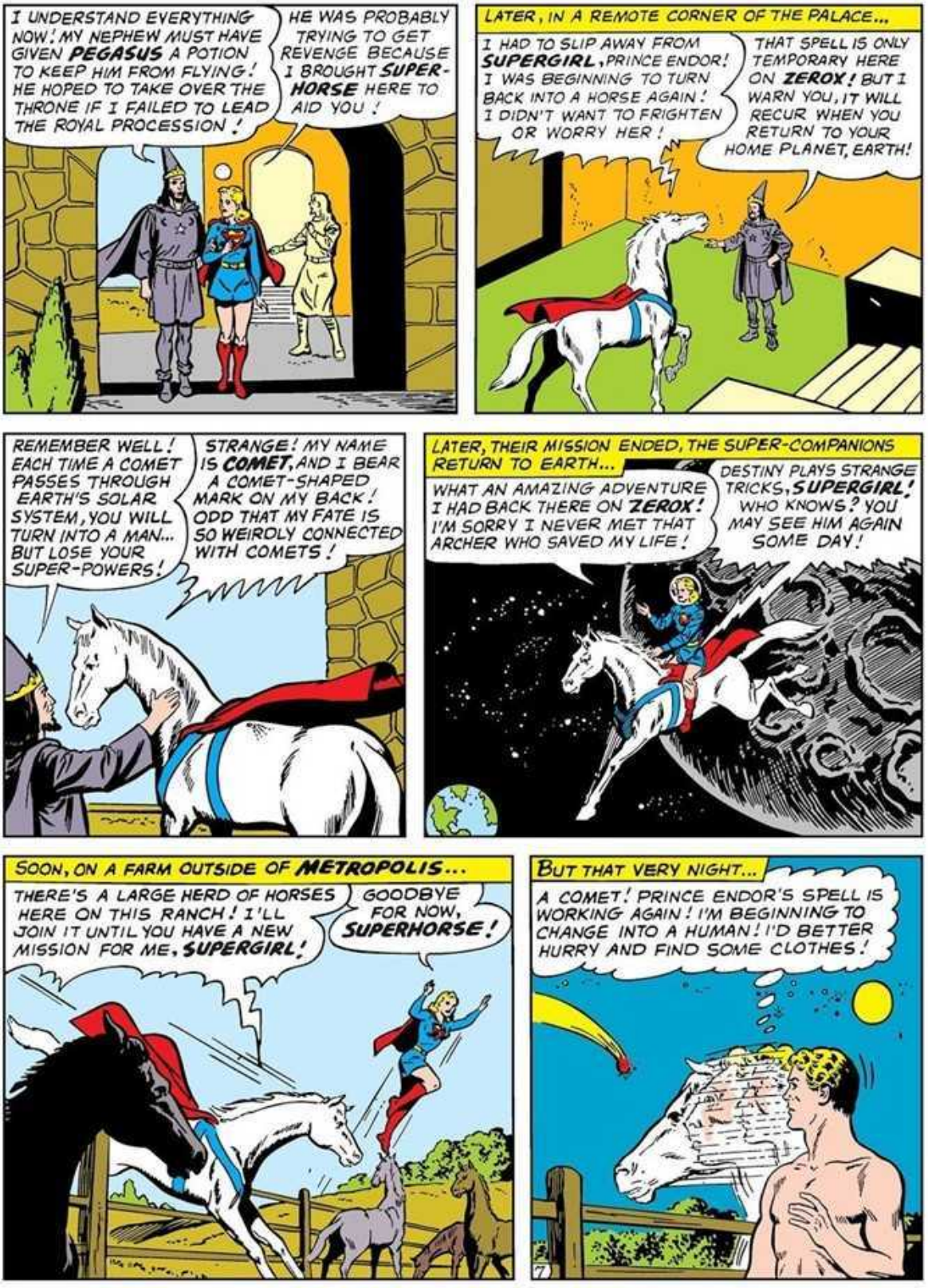
I UNDERSTAND EVERYTHING NOW! MY NEPHEW MUST HAVE GIVEN PEGASUS A POTION TO KEEP HIM FROM FLYING! HE HOPED TO TAKE OVER THE THRONE IF I FAILED TO LEAD THE ROYAL PROCESSION!
HE WAS PROBABLY TRYING TO GET REVENGE BECAUSE I BROUGHT SUPER-HORSE HERE TO AID YOU!
LATER, IN A REMOTE CORNER OF THE PALACE...
I HAD TO SLIP AWAY FROM SUPERGIRL, PRINCE ENDOR! I WAS BEGINNING TO TURN BACK INTO A HORSE AGAIN! I DIDN'T WANT TO FRIGHTEN OR WORRY HER!
THAT SPELL IS ONLY TEMPORARY HERE ON ZEROX! BUT I WARN YOU, IT WILL RECUR WHEN YOU RETURN TO YOUR HOME PLANET, EARTH!
REMEMBER WELL! EACH TIME A COMET PASSES THROUGH EARTH'S SOLAR SYSTEM, YOU WILL TURN INTO A MAN... BUT LOSE YOUR SUPER-POWERS!
STRANGE! MY NAME IS COMET, AND I BEAR A COMET-SHAPED MARK ON MY BACK! ODD THAT MY FATE IS SO WEIRDLY CONNECTED WITH COMETS!
LATER, THEIR MISSION ENDED, THE SUPER-COMPANIONS RETURN TO EARTH...
WHAT AN AMAZING ADVENTURE I HAD BACK THERE ON ZEROX! I'M SORRY I NEVER MET THAT ARCHER WHO SAVED MY LIFE!
DESTINY PLAYS STRANGE TRICKS, SUPERGIRL! WHO KNOWS? YOU MAY SEE HIM AGAIN SOME DAY!
SOON, ON A FARM OUTSIDE OF METROPOLIS...
THERE'S A LARGE HERD OF HORSES HERE ON THIS RANCH! I'LL JOIN IT UNTIL YOU HAVE A NEW MISSION FOR ME, SUPERGIRL!
GOODBYE FOR NOW, SUPERHORSE!
BUT THAT VERY NIGHT...
A COMET! PRINCE ENDOR'S SPELL IS WORKING AGAIN! I'M BEGINNING TO CHANGE INTO A HUMAN! I'D BETTER HURRY AND FIND SOME CLOTHES!
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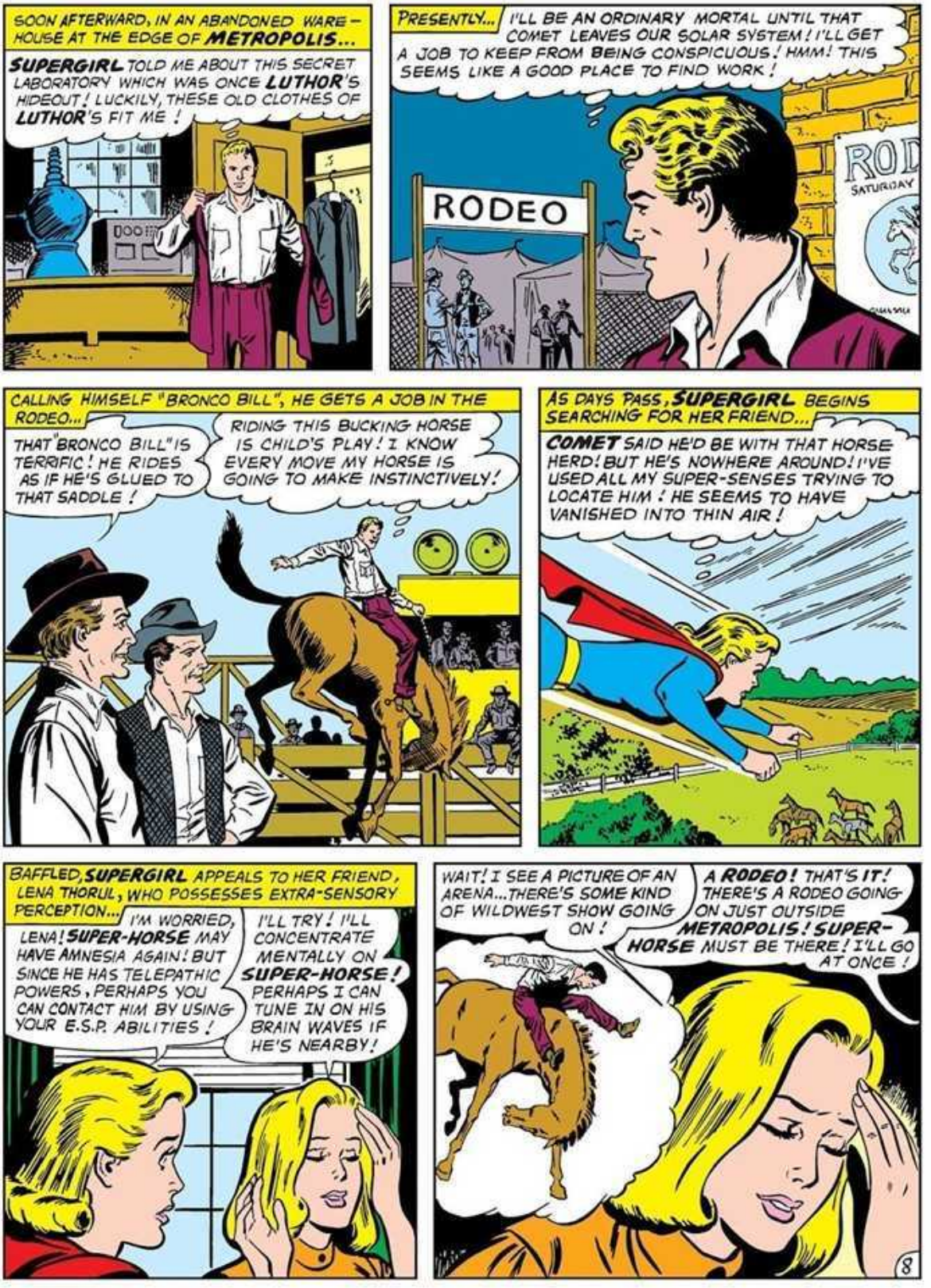
SOON AFTERWARD, IN AN ABANDONED WARE-HOUSE AT THE EDGE OF METROPOLIS...
SUPERGIRL TOLD ME ABOUT THIS SECRET LABORATORY WHICH WAS ONCE LUTHOR'S HIDEOUT! LUCKILY, THESE OLD CLOTHES OF LUTHOR'S FIT ME!
PRESENTLY... I'LL BE AN ORDINARY MORTAL UNTIL THAT COMET LEAVES OUR SOLAR SYSTEM! I'LL GET A JOB TO KEEP FROM BEING CONSPICUOUS! HMM! THIS SEEMS LIKE A GOOD PLACE TO FIND WORK!
RODEO
SATURDAY
CALLING HIMSELF "BRONCO BILL", HE GETS A JOB IN THE RODEO...
THAT "BRONCO BILL" IS TERRIFIC! HE RIDES AS IF HE'S GLUED TO THAT SADDLE!
RIDING THIS BUCKING HORSE IS CHILD'S PLAY! I KNOW EVERY MOVE MY HORSE IS GOING TO MAKE INSTINCTIVELY!
AS DAYS PASS, SUPERGIRL BEGINS SEARCHING FOR HER FRIEND...
COMET SAID HE'D BE WITH THAT HORSE HERD! BUT HE'S NOWHERE AROUND! I'VE USED ALL MY SUPER-SENSES TRYING TO LOCATE HIM! HE SEEMS TO HAVE VANISHED INTO THIN AIR!
BAFFLED, SUPERGIRL APPEALS TO HER FRIEND, LENA THORUL, WHO POSSESSES EXTRA-SENSORY PERCEPTION...
I'M WORRIED, LENA! SUPER-HORSE MAY HAVE AMNESIA AGAIN! BUT SINCE HE HAS TELEPATHIC POWERS, PERHAPS YOU CAN CONTACT HIM BY USING YOUR E.S.P. ABILITIES!
I'LL TRY! I'LL CONCENTRATE MENTALLY ON SUPER-HORSE! PERHAPS I CAN TUNE IN ON HIS BRAIN WAVES IF HE'S NEARBY!
WAIT! I SEE A PICTURE OF AN ARENA...THERE'S SOME KIND OF WILDWEST SHOW GOING ON!
A RODEO! THAT'S IT! THERE'S A RODEO GOING ON JUST OUTSIDE METROPOLIS! SUPER-HORSE MUST BE THERE! I'LL GO AT ONCE!
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ARRIVING AT THE ARENA, SUPERGIRL WITNESSES AN AMAZING PERFORMANCE...
AND NOW WHITE STAR, THE WONDER HORSE, WILL SPELL OUT THE NAME OF OUR COUNTRY'S PRESIDENT!
HMM! THAT WHITE STAR IS SMART ENOUGH TO BE SUPER-HORSE! AND HE DOES RESEMBLE COMET!
J F K E N N E D Y
AT THE HIGH POINT OF THE ACT...
AND NOW WHITE STAR WILL SAY GOODBYE TO THE AUDIENCE!
THANK YOU FOR YOUR KIND ATTENTION, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN!
GASP! SUPER-HORSE SPEAKING!? HE MUST HAVE ACQUIRED A NEW ABILITY! I'D BETTER CHECK ON THIS!
BUT PRESENTLY, IN THE WINGS...
YOU'RE ALL WRONG, SUPERGIRL! WHITE STAR IS JUST A CLEVER STUNT HORSE! IT JUST LOOKED AS IF HE WERE SPEAKING! YOU SEE, I'M A VENTRILOQUIST!
I SEE! THANK YOU!
NATURALLY HE COULDN'T BE SUPER-HORSE! THERE'S NO COMET-MARK ON HIS BACK!
AS SUPERGIRL IS ABOUT TO LEAVE THE ARENA...
ANNOUNCING THE WINNER OF THE TRICK RIDING CONTEST! IT'S BRONCO BILL!
WHAT A SPECTACULAR RIDER! HE'S ALMOST PART OF THE HORSE!
BUT AS THE CONTEST WINNER RECEIVES HIS AWARD...
WATCH OUT! THAT BULL BROKE LOOSE! HE'S GOING BERSERK!
OH-OH! I'D BETTER STOP THAT BULL BEFORE SOMEONE GETS BADLY GORED!
AT LIGHTNING SPEED, SUPERGIRL STREAKS ACROSS THE ARENA, AND...
I TOSSED THAT BULL JUST IN TIME, BUT HIS HORN RIPPED BRONCO BILL'S SHIRT!
THANKS, SUPERGIRL!
WHAT A STRANGE FATE! I SAVED HER LIFE ON ZEROX, AND NOW SHE SAVES MINE!
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WAIT! WHERE DID YOU GET THAT STRANGE MARK ON YOUR BACK? IT LOOKS JUST LIKE A COMET!
IT'S EXACTLY THE SAME MARK SUPER-HORSE HAS ON HIS BACK! WHAT A WEIRD COINCIDENCE!
OH, THAT'S JUST A BIRTHMARK, SUPERGIRL!
JUST THEN...
BRONCO BILL... FOR YOUR SPECTACULAR PERFORMANCES, YOU ARE HEREBY NAMED KING OF THE RODEO! ...AND SUPERGIRL, FOR YOUR AMAZING SUPER-DEED IN STOPPING THAT BULL, WE'RE NAMING YOU QUEEN!
THANK YOU!
SOON, AS FLASHBULBS FLARE, KING AND QUEEN KISS FOR THE CAMERAS...
ODD! BRONCO BILL STRANGELY RESEMBLES THAT ARCHER WHO SAVED MY LIFE ON ZEROX! BUT OF COURSE, HE COULDN'T POSSIBLY BE THE SAME MAN!
CHUCKLE! I WONDER WHAT SUPERGIRL WOULD SAY IF SHE KNEW WHO I REALLY WAS!
PRESENTLY, AS SUPERGIRL STREAKS OFF INTO THE NIGHT...
GROAN! I GUESS LENA'S E.S.P. POWERS SLIPPED THIS TIME! SUPER-HORSE ISN'T AT THE RODEO! I'LL HAVE TO KEEP LOOKING FOR HIM!
SUPERGIRL NEVER SPOTTED ME! I COULD HAVE TOLD HER WHO I WAS, BUT I WANTED TO KEEP MY OTHER IDENTITY SECRET! IT COULD HELP ME IN MY SUPER-TASKS SOME DAY!
BUT MOMENTS LATER, AS "BRONCO BILL" OVERHEARS A PORTABLE RADIO...
AND NOW A NEWS FLASH! ASTRONOMERS REPORT THAT THE COMET LATELY SEEN IN OUR SKIES IS LEAVING OUR SOLAR SYSTEM AND HEADING FOR ANOTHER GALAXY!
I'D BETTER MOVE FAST! I MAY BEGIN TO CHANGE INTO MY OTHER IDENTITY AT ANY MOMENT!
SOON, IN A FIELD BEHIND THE RODEO...
I SLIPPED AWAY JUST IN TIME! I'M STARTING TO CHANGE INTO A CENTAUR! I'D BETTER TAKE OFF MY CLOTHES BEFORE THEY BURST!
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MEANWHILE, A HELICOPTER DESCENDS INTO A DARKENED FIELD NEARBY...
REMEMBER, BOYS! THE BOSS DOESN'T LIKE SLIP-UPS! WE'VE GOT TO KIDNAP THAT STUNT HORSE, WHITE STAR! THE RODEO WILL PAY A FORTUNE TO GET HIM BACK!
DON'T WORRY, BLACKIE! IT'LL BE EASY TO TRAP THAT HORSE IN THIS CARGO NET!
BUT AS THE KIDNAPPERS APPROACH THE RODEO...
GASP! DO YOU SEE WHAT I SEE? THAT CREATURE IS HALF HORSE AND HALF MAN!
IT'S A CENTAUR! I THOUGHT THEY ONLY EXISTED IN FAIRY TALES! A BEAST LIKE THAT IS WORTH A HUNDRED TIMES MORE THAN A STUNT HORSE! GET THE NET ON HIM!
AS THE NET IS HURLED...
I'M TRAPPED! SINCE I HAVEN'T BECOME SUPER-HORSE YET, I HAVE NO SUPER-POWERS! I CAN'T KICK LOOSE!
A REAL, LIVE CENTAUR! I STILL CAN'T BELIEVE IT! QUICK! DRAG HIM TO THE HELICOPTER!
AS THE CRIMINALS TAKE OFF...
OKAY! WE'VE GOT THAT BEAST TIED UP IN THE CARGO COMPARTMENT! HEAD FOR THE HIDEOUT!
THAT CENTAUR IS THE GREATEST FIND OF THE AGE! THE BOSS WILL MAKE A MINT EXHIBITING HIM! HE'LL PROBABLY GIVE US A BONUS FOR PLAYING IT SMART!
BUT MEANWHILE, SUPER-HORSE'S TRANSFORMATION IS COMPLETED... AND NOW...
WHEE HEE HAUGH!
MY SUPER-POWERS HAVE RETURNED! LET THOSE EVIL ONES TRY TO HOLD ME NOW!
YE GODS! THE PLANE'S BREAKING APART! WE MUST HAVE BEEN STRUCK BY A BOMB!
HIT THE SILK!
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PRESENTLY
WE MUST BE SEEING THINGS! THAT CENTAUR TURNED INTO A FLYING HORSE! HE KICKED THE PLANE INTO SMITHEREENS!
HOW ARE WE GOING TO EXPLAIN THIS TO THE BOSS? HE'LL CLOBBER US!

AND SURE ENOUGH, SOON AFTERWARD...
...SO WHEN WE SAW THIS CENTAUR, WE DECIDED TO CAPTURE HIM INSTEAD OF THAT STUNT HORSE! BUT THAT BEAST TURNED INTO A HORSE WHILE WE WERE FLYING HERE!
A FLYING HORSE WITH SUPER-POWERS! HE KICKED THE HELICOPTER APART AND THEN STREAKED OFF INTO THE SKY!

CENTAURS! FLYING HORSES! YOU EXPECT ME TO BELIEVE THAT PHONEY STORY! YOU CRUMBS JUST WRECKED A HELICOPTER WORTH A FORTUNE! I'LL TEACH YOU TO DISOBEY ORDERS!

MEANWHILE, SUPER-HORSE IS REUNITED WITH HIS OLD FRIEND, SUPERGIRL...
COMET! WERE WERE YOU? I HUNTED EVERYWHERE! I HAD AN EXCITING MISSION FOR YOU!
I HAD SOME PRETTY EXCITING ADVENTURES OF MY OWN, SUPER-GIRL! AND SOME DAY I MAY TELL YOU ABOUT THEM!
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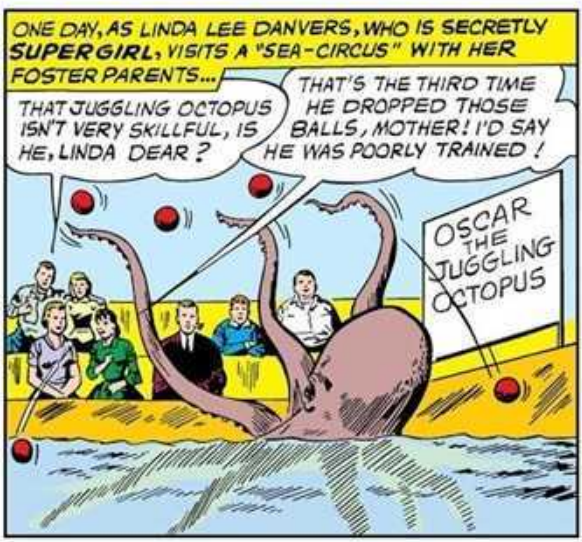
END
WILL SUPERGIRL EVER SEE COMET AS A HUMAN AGAIN? WATCH FOR ANOTHER SUPER-HORSE ADVENTURE IN A FUTURE ISSUE!

SUPERGIRL

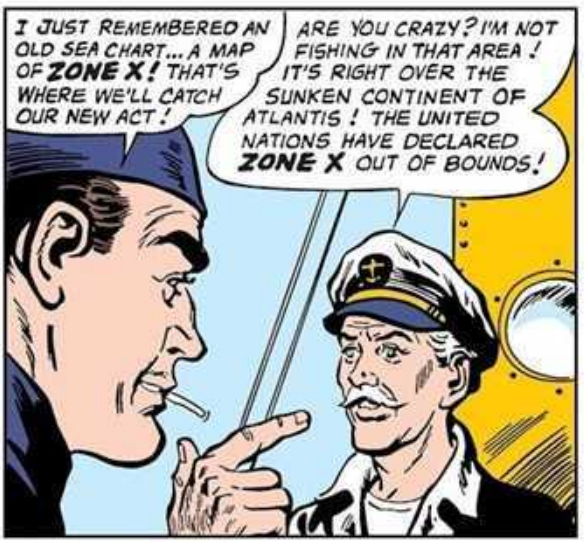
SUPERGIRL
I MUST DESTROY! RUIN! DEVASTATE!
GASP!! SUPER-HORSE! HAS GONE BERSERK! HE'S DESTROYING EVERY LANDMARK ON EARTH AND I'M POWERLESS TO STOP HIM! AS A SUPER-BEING, HIS SUPER-POWERS ARE GREATER THAN MY OWN!
JIM MOONEY
ONE DAY, SUPER-HORSE SUDDENLY GOES BERSERK AND STARTS ACTING LIKE A RAGING DEMON! WHAT IS THE MYSTERIOUS FORCE WHICH CAUSES THE STALLION OF STEEL TO ERUPT IN MANIACAL FURY? WHAT HAS TURNED SUPERGIRL'S BEST FRIEND INTO AN ENEMY OF LAW AND ORDER, A MENACE TO NATIONAL SECURITY? THE WORLD WILL NEVER FORGET—
THE DAY SUPER-HORSE WENT WILD!


ONE DAY, AS LINDA LEE DANVERS, WHO IS SECRETLY SUPERGIRL, VISITS A "SEA-CIRCUS" WITH HER FOSTER PARENTS...
THAT JUGGLING OCTOPUS ISN'T VERY SKILLFUL, IS HE, LINDA DEAR?
THAT'S THE THIRD TIME HE DROPPED THOSE BALLS, MOTHER! I'D SAY HE WAS POORLY TRAINED!
OSCAR THE JUGGLING OCTOPUS

AS THE PERFORMANCE CONTINUES, THE CROWD BEGINS TO BOO...
BOO! A PORPOISE LEAPING OUT OF THE WATER TO GET A FISH! BAH! THAT CORNY ACT IS OLDER THAN METHUSELAH!
I DON'T BLAME THEM FOR BEING ANNOYED! AS AN AQUA-SHOW, THIS SEA CIRCUS CERTAINLY IS DULL!

LATER, THE CIRCUS OWNERS WATCH THE SPARSE CROWD LEAVE...
LET'S FACE IT, FINNEY! THIS SHOW IS A FLOP! THE AUDIENCE GETS SMALLER EVERY DAY! WHAT WE NEED ARE SOME LIVELY ACTS TO BRING IN THE CUSTOMERS!
QUIT COMPLAINING, GORBIN! WE MAKE ENOUGH TO GET ALONG!

IT'S NOT ENOUGH FOR ME! I JUST GOT AN IDEA! IF WE HAD A MERMAID AND A MERMAN, THE CUSTOMERS WOULD COME IN DROVES!
YOU'RE OUT OF YOUR MIND, GORBIN! WHERE WOULD WE FIND CREATURES LIKE THAT?


I JUST REMEMBERED AN OLD SEA CHART... A MAP OF ZONE X! THAT'S WHERE WE'LL CATCH OUR NEW ACT!
ARE YOU CRAZY? I'M NOT FISHING IN THAT AREA! IT'S RIGHT OVER THE SUNKEN CONTINENT OF ATLANTIS! THE UNITED NATIONS HAVE DECLARED ZONE X OUT OF BOUNDS!

I'VE GOT MY MONEY SUNK IN THIS SEA CIRCUS! AND I SAY WE'RE SAILING TO ZONE X TO CATCH OURSELVES A STAR ATTRACTION! UNDERSTAND?
UHH!

DAYS LATER, FAR OUT AT SEA...
ALL RIGHT, FINNEY, GET THE NETS OUT AND START TRAWLING!
YOU'RE THE BOSS, GORBIN. BUT I WARN YOU, THIS COULD LAND US IN TROUBLE!
ZONE X
FISHING FORBIDDEN WITHIN THIS AREA BY ORDER OF THE UNITED NATIONS.

AT THAT VERY MOMENT, FAR BELOW THE SURFACE, LORI LEMARIS AND JERRO, CITIZENS OF ATLANTIS, ARE SEARCHING THE OCEAN FLOOR...
JERRO, ARE YOU SURE VOSTAR CAME THIS WAY?
I'M CERTAIN OF IT, LORI! HE VANISHED INTO THE CORAL FOREST! GROAN! I SHOULDN'T HAVE LET THAT EVIL ONE OUT OF MY SIGHT!
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THEN, AS SINISTER EYES WATCH, A NET SWEEPS DOWN, AND...
A FISHERMAN'S NET! WE'RE CAUGHT IN ITS MESHES!
HA, HA! EVERYTHING'S WORKING OUT EXACTLY AS I PLANNED! WITH LORI AND JERRO OUT OF THE WAY, I'LL BE ABLE TO CARRY OUT MY SCHEME!
AS THE CAPTIVES ARE HAULED FROM THE OCEAN...
TALK ABOUT LUCK! A MERMAID AND A MERMAN! WHAT A HAUL!
÷GASP!÷ WE CAN'T BREATHE IN THIS OPEN AIR!
LET US GO! ÷CHOKE!÷ FISHING IS FORBIDDEN IN THIS AREA!
BETTER GET THEM INTO THE WATER TANK BEFORE THEY DIE, GORBIN!
JUST LET THEM LIE THERE UNTIL THEY WEAKEN A LITTLE! THEY'LL BE EASIER TO HANDLE THEN!
HELP!... MUST GET HELP... GASP... OR WE'LL DIE!
MEANWHILE, SUPERGIRL AND COMET, THE SUPER-HORSE, ARE PATROLLING METROPOLIS, AND...
SUPERMAN! SUPERGIRL! LORI AND JERRO CALLING BY TELEPATHY! HELP US! WE ARE IN DANGER!
SUPERMAN'S AWAY IN A DISTANT GALAXY! WE'LL HAVE TO ANSWER THAT CALL FOR HELP! AWAY, COMET!
GUIDED BY SUPERGIRL'S AMAZING TELESCOPIC VISION, THE SUPER-COMPANIONS STREAK ACROSS THE OCEAN TO ZONE X, WHERE...
SUPERGIRL! SUPER-HORSE! WHAT'S THE IDEA OF DUMPING OUR CATCH BACK INTO THE SEA?
YOU KNOW THE ANSWER! FISHING IS FORBIDDEN IN THIS AREA!
WE'RE SAVED! THANKS TO OUR SUPER-FRIENDS!
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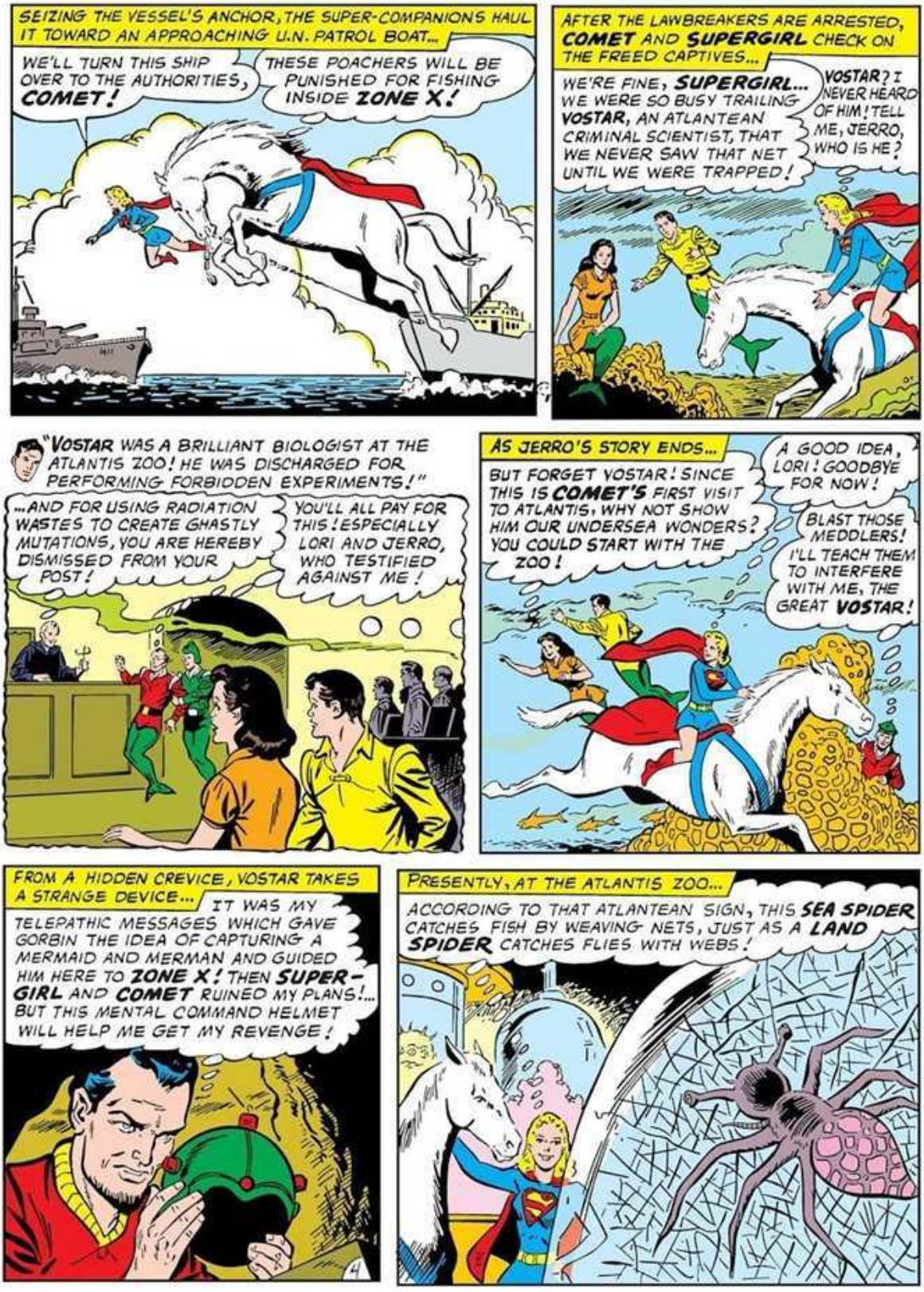
SEIZING THE VESSEL'S ANCHOR, THE SUPER-COMPANIONS HAUL IT TOWARD AN APPROACHING U.N. PATROL BOAT...
WE'LL TURN THIS SHIP OVER TO THE AUTHORITIES, COMET!
THESE POACHERS WILL BE PUNISHED FOR FISHING INSIDE ZONE X!
AFTER THE LAWBREAKERS ARE ARRESTED, COMET AND SUPERGIRL CHECK ON THE FREED CAPTIVES...
WE'RE FINE, SUPERGIRL... WE WERE SO BUSY TRAILING VOSTAR, AN ATLANTEAN CRIMINAL SCIENTIST, THAT WE NEVER SAW THAT NET UNTIL WE WERE TRAPPED!
VOSTAR? I NEVER HEARD OF HIM! TELL ME, JERRO, WHO IS HE?
"VOSTAR WAS A BRILLIANT BIOLOGIST AT THE ATLANTIS ZOO! HE WAS DISCHARGED FOR PERFORMING FORBIDDEN EXPERIMENTS!"
...AND FOR USING RADIATION WASTES TO CREATE GHASTLY MUTATIONS, YOU ARE HEREBY DISMISSED FROM YOUR POST!
YOU'LL ALL PAY FOR THIS! ESPECIALLY LORI AND JERRO, WHO TESTIFIED AGAINST ME!
AS JERRO'S STORY ENDS...
BUT FORGET VOSTAR! SINCE THIS IS COMET'S FIRST VISIT TO ATLANTIS, WHY NOT SHOW HIM OUR UNDERSEA WONDERS? YOU COULD START WITH THE ZOO!
A GOOD IDEA, LORI! GOODBYE FOR NOW!
BLAST THOSE MEDDLERS! I'LL TEACH THEM TO INTERFERE WITH ME, THE GREAT VOSTAR!
FROM A HIDDEN CREVICE, VOSTAR TAKES A STRANGE DEVICE...
IT WAS MY TELEPATHIC MESSAGES WHICH GAVE GORBIN THE IDEA OF CAPTURING A MERMAID AND MERMAN AND GUIDED HIM HERE TO ZONE X! THEN SUPER-GIRL AND COMET RUINED MY PLANS!... BUT THIS MENTAL COMMAND HELMET WILL HELP ME GET MY REVENGE!
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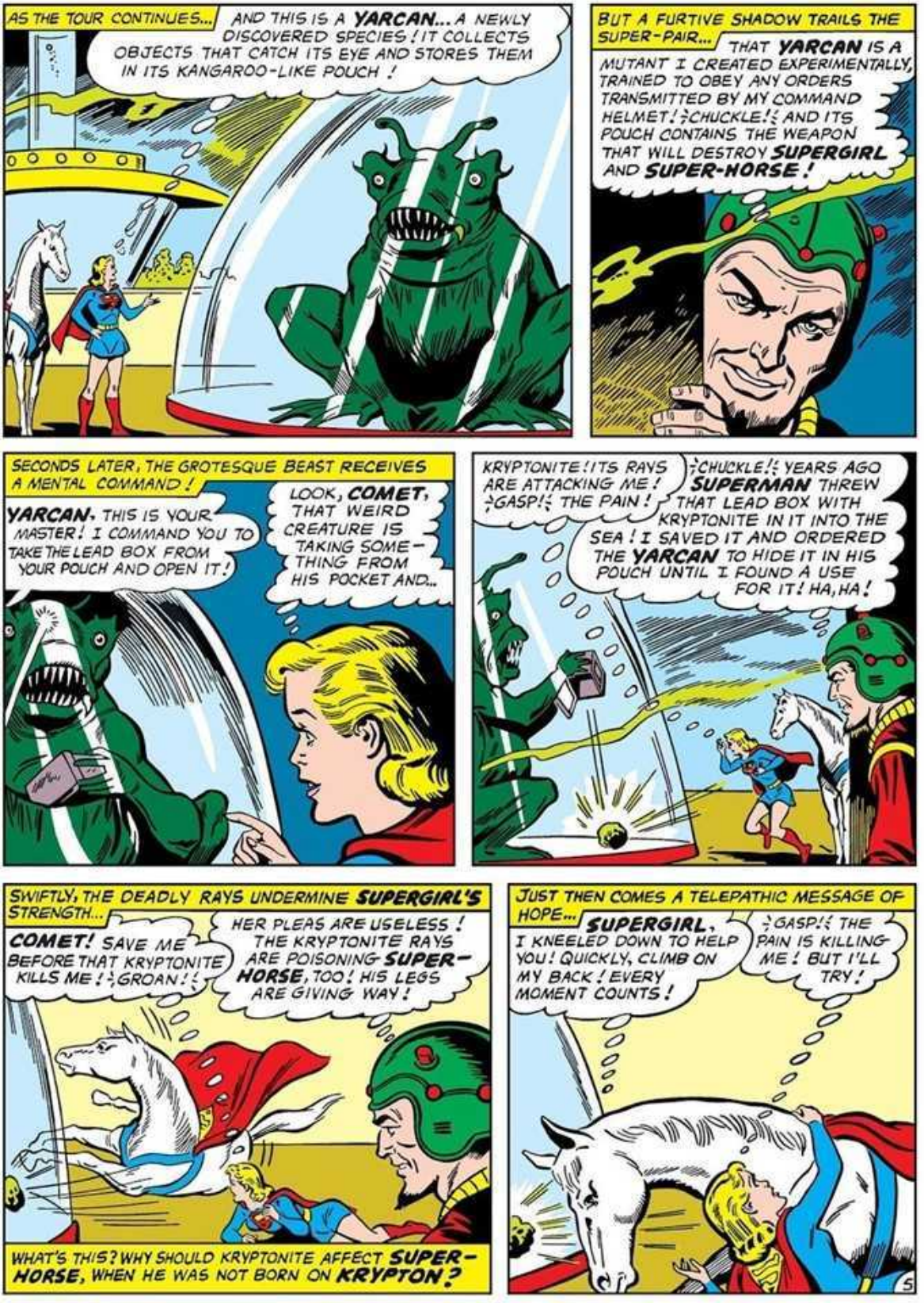
PRESENTLY, AT THE ATLANTIS ZOO...
ACCORDING TO THAT ATLANTEAN SIGN, THIS SEA SPIDER CATCHES FISH BY WEAVING NETS, JUST AS A LAND SPIDER CATCHES FLIES WITH WEBS!


AS THE TOUR CONTINUES...
AND THIS IS A YARCAN... A NEWLY DISCOVERED SPECIES! IT COLLECTS OBJECTS THAT CATCH ITS EYE AND STORES THEM IN ITS KANGAROO-LIKE POUCH!
BUT A FURTIVE SHADOW TRAILS THE SUPER-PAIR...
THAT YARCAN IS A MUTANT I CREATED EXPERIMENTALLY, TRAINED TO OBEY ANY ORDERS TRANSMITTED BY MY COMMAND HELMET! CHUCKLE! AND ITS POUCH CONTAINS THE WEAPON THAT WILL DESTROY SUPERGIRL AND SUPER-HORSE!
SECONDS LATER, THE GROTESQUE BEAST RECEIVES A MENTAL COMMAND!
YARCAN, THIS IS YOUR MASTER! I COMMAND YOU TO TAKE THE LEAD BOX FROM YOUR POUCH AND OPEN IT!
LOOK, COMET, THAT WEIRD CREATURE IS TAKING SOMETHING FROM HIS POCKET AND...
KRYPTONITE! ITS RAYS ARE ATTACKING ME! GASP! THE PAIN!
CHUCKLE! YEARS AGO SUPERMAN THREW THAT LEAD BOX WITH KRYPTONITE IN IT INTO THE SEA! I SAVED IT AND ORDERED THE YARCAN TO HIDE IT IN HIS POUCH UNTIL I FOUND A USE FOR IT! HA, HA!
SWIFTLY, THE DEADLY RAYS UNDERMINE SUPERGIRL'S STRENGTH...
COMET! SAVE ME BEFORE THAT KRYPTONITE KILLS ME! GROAN!
HER PLEAS ARE USELESS! THE KRYPTONITE RAYS ARE POISONING SUPER-HORSE, TOO! HIS LEGS ARE GIVING WAY!
WHAT'S THIS? WHY SHOULD KRYPTONITE AFFECT SUPER-HORSE, WHEN HE WAS NOT BORN ON KRYPTON?
JUST THEN COMES A TELEPATHIC MESSAGE OF HOPE...
SUPERGIRL, I KNEELED DOWN TO HELP YOU! QUICKLY, CLIMB ON MY BACK! EVERY MOMENT COUNTS!
GASP! THE PAIN IS KILLING ME! BUT I'LL TRY!
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WITH SUPERGIRL CLINGING TO HIS BACK, COMET SPEEDS OUT OF THE RANGE OF THE KRYPTONITE RAYS...
¡GULP!¡ HE'S SAVING HER!
BUT THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE! HOW CAN SUPER-HORSE SURVIVE EFFECTS OF THAT DEADLY KRYPTONITE?!... I'D BETTER LEAVE BEFORE I'M SEEN AROUND HERE!
MOMENTS LATER, JERRO AND LORI ARRIVE ON THE SCENE, AND...
OUR TELEPATHIC POWERS DETECTED SUPERGIRL'S CALL FOR HELP! COMET SAVED HER, BUT IT'S UP TO US TO GET RID OF THAT KRYPTONITE!
YOU DECOY THE YARCAN! I'LL GET THE KRYPTONITE!
WITH DAUNTLESS DARING, JERRO ATTACKS THE MENACING BEAST, AND...
THERE! I'VE JAMMED ITS JAWS OPEN WITH THIS DRIFTWOOD TIMBER! WE'RE SAFE NOW, LORI!
GOOD! THE KRYPTONITE IS SEALED IN THIS LEAD BOX! WE'LL FIND SUPERGIRL AND GIVE IT TO HER!
MEANWHILE, SUPERGIRL IS REGAINING HER STRENGTH, AND...
LUCKY FOR ME YOU'RE IMMUNE TO KRYPTONITE, SINCE YOU WEREN'T BORN ON KRYPTON!
TRUE! I AM EARTH-BORN! YOU MUST NEVER REVEAL THAT AGES AGO I WAS A CENTAUR NAMED BIRON!
"THE ENCHANTRESS, CIRCE, TRIED TO TURN ME INTO A NORMAL HUMAN, BUT AS I DRANK HER MAGIC POTION...
SOMETHING'S HAPPENING! MY FACE... IT'S CHANGING!... GROWING LONGER... HEAVIER!
¡GASP!¡ I GAVE HIM THE WRONG POTION! NO! NO!
"TO MAKE UP FOR HER GHASTLY ERROR, CIRCE MIXED ANOTHER MAGIC BREW, AND...
DRINK! IMMORTALITY, AND ALL THE SUPER-POWERS OF THE GODS WILL BE YOURS, INCLUDING THE TELEPATHIC POWER OF NEPTUNE!
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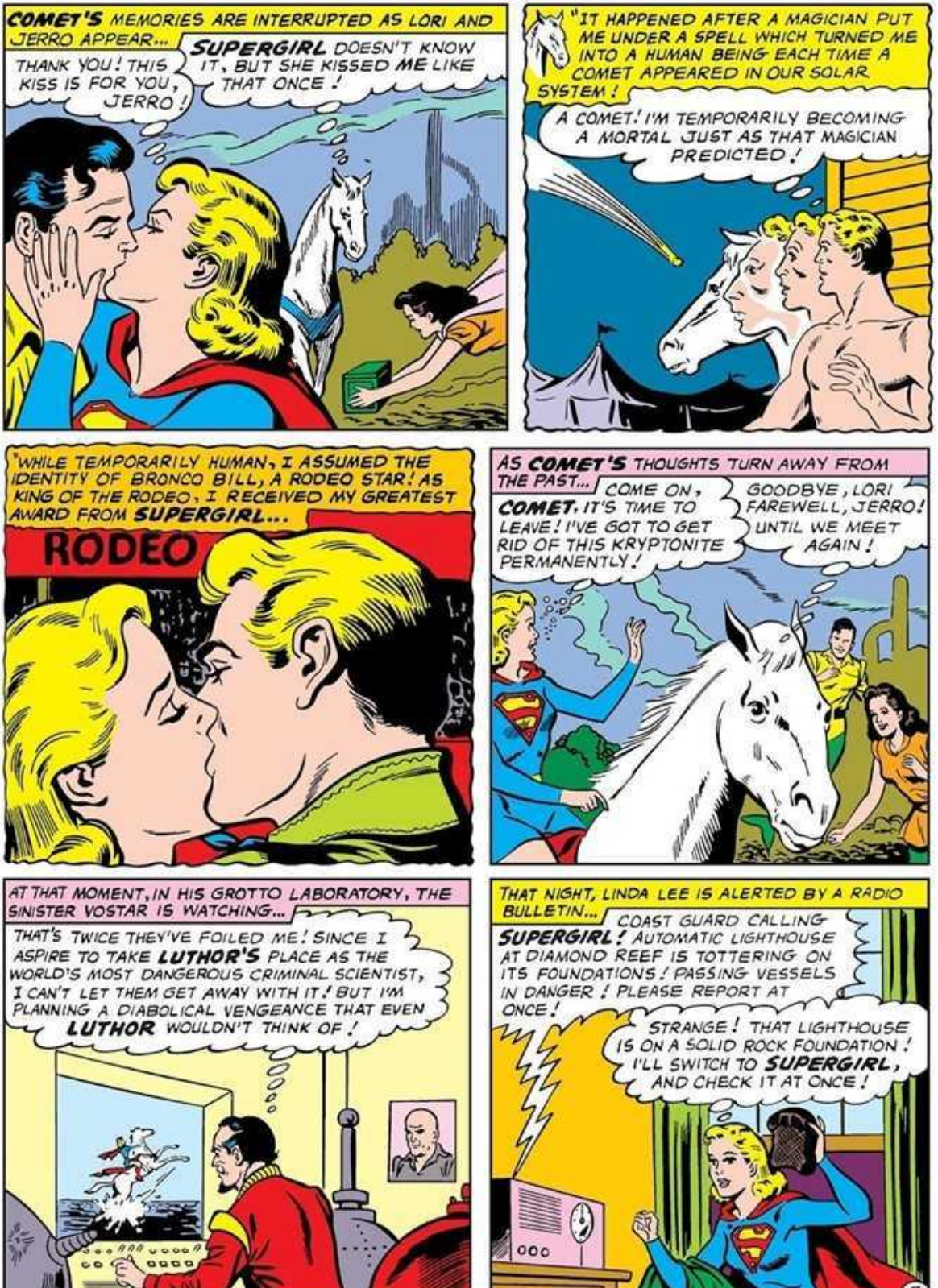
COMET'S MEMORIES ARE INTERRUPTED AS LORI AND JERRO APPEAR...
THANK YOU! THIS KISS IS FOR YOU, JERRO!
SUPERGIRL DOESN'T KNOW IT, BUT SHE KISSED ME LIKE THAT ONCE!
"IT HAPPENED AFTER A MAGICIAN PUT ME UNDER A SPELL WHICH TURNED ME INTO A HUMAN BEING EACH TIME A COMET APPEARED IN OUR SOLAR SYSTEM!
A COMET! I'M TEMPORARILY BECOMING A MORTAL JUST AS THAT MAGICIAN PREDICTED!
"WHILE TEMPORARILY HUMAN, I ASSUMED THE IDENTITY OF BRONCO BILL, A RODEO STAR! AS KING OF THE RODEO, I RECEIVED MY GREATEST AWARD FROM SUPERGIRL...
RODEO
AS COMET'S THOUGHTS TURN AWAY FROM THE PAST...
COME ON, COMET. IT'S TIME TO LEAVE! I'VE GOT TO GET RID OF THIS KRYPTONITE PERMANENTLY!
GOODBYE, LORI FAREWELL, JERRO! UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN!
AT THAT MOMENT, IN HIS GROTTO LABORATORY, THE SINISTER VOSTAR IS WATCHING...
THAT'S TWICE THEY'VE FOILED ME! SINCE I ASPIRE TO TAKE LUTHOR'S PLACE AS THE WORLD'S MOST DANGEROUS CRIMINAL SCIENTIST, I CAN'T LET THEM GET AWAY WITH IT! BUT I'M PLANNING A DIABOLICAL VENGEANCE THAT EVEN LUTHOR WOULDN'T THINK OF!
THAT NIGHT, LINDA LEE IS ALERTED BY A RADIO BULLETIN...
COAST GUARD CALLING SUPERGIRL! AUTOMATIC LIGHTHOUSE AT DIAMOND REEF IS TOTTERING ON ITS FOUNDATIONS! PASSING VESSELS IN DANGER! PLEASE REPORT AT ONCE!
STRANGE! THAT LIGHTHOUSE IS ON A SOLID ROCK FOUNDATION! I'LL SWITCH TO SUPERGIRL, AND CHECK IT AT ONCE!
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THOUGH SHE STREAKS THROUGH THE SEA AT SUPER-SPEED, SUPERGIRL ARRIVES TOO LATE!
ULP!! MY X-RAY VISION REVEALS SOMETHING UNDERMINED THE ROCK UNDER THE LIGHTHOUSE! GREAT KRYPTON! IT'S SUPER-HORSE!

IN THE CRISIS, SUPERGIRL REBUILDS THE SHATTERED LIGHTHOUSE AT SUPER-SPEED. THEN...
NOW I'LL USE MY HEAT VISION TO TURN THIS HUGE BOULDER INTO AN INCANDESCENT BEACON TO REPLACE THE ONE SUPER-HORSE DESTROYED!

LATER, AS SUPERGIRL PASSES A STORM-TOSSED LINER...
THANKS, SUPERGIRL! THE THOUSANDS OF PASSENGERS ON THIS LINER OWE YOU THEIR LIVES!
GLAD TO HELP, CAPTAIN! I MUST FIND SUPER-HORSE AND ASK HIM WHY HE ACTED SO IRRESPONSIBLY!

THE NEXT DAY, AS SUPERGIRL LOCATES COMET...
I'M SORRY, SUPERGIRL! I DON'T KNOW WHAT HAPPENED! I JUST REMEMBER A SUDDEN MAD DESIRE TO BREAK AND DESTROY!
YOU MUSTN'T MISUSE YOUR POWERS AGAIN, COMET! LET'S HOPE THAT STRANGE DESTRUCTIVE URGE WAS SOMETHING TEMPORARY!

BUT THAT AFTERNOON, SUPERGIRL GETS AN EMERGENCY ALERT FROM THE NAVY YARD, AND...
IT'S YOUR FRIEND, SUPER-HORSE! HIS SUPER-HOOFS ARE SMASHING OUR LATEST ATOMIC SUBMARINE, AS IF IT WAS MADE OF CARDBOARD!
I'LL TAKE CARE OF IT, ADMIRAL!
GREAT DAY! WHAT'S COME OVER SUPER-HORSE AGAIN? WHAT PUT HIM IN THAT FIT OF RAGE?
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BUT SUPER-HORSE SPEEDS AWAY, AND SUPERGIRL HAS TO REPAIR THE DAMAGE...
THERE! MY HEAT VISION IS WELDING THE ARMOR PLATE ON THAT ATOMIC SUB BACK IN PLACE! IT'S STRONGER THAN NEW, ADMIRAL!
THANKS, SUPERGIRL, BUT I WARN YOU NOW... YOU'D BETTER PUT A STOP TO SUPER-HORSE'S DESTRUCTIVENESS! HE'S BECOMING A MENACE!

AT THAT MOMENT, IN A SECRET GROTTO, THE FIENDISH VOSTAR WATCHES A MONITOR SCREEN...
GULP! WHY DID I WRECK THAT VESSEL? I MUST HAVE GONE TEMPORARILY INSANE!
COMET DOESN'T KNOW IT, BUT MY TELEPATHIC COMMAND-HELMET IS TUNED TO THE FREQUENCY OF HIS BRAIN WAVES! MY ORDER COMPELLED HIM TO RUN AMUCK!
BEFORE I'M DONE, COMET'S ACTS OF SENSELESS DESTRUCTION WILL TURN SUPERGIRL AGAINST HIM! SHE'LL BECOME HIS MORTAL ENEMY! IT WILL BE THE GREATEST CRIMINAL FEAT IN HISTORY! AND I, VOSTAR, WILL REPLACE LUTHOR AS THE WORLD'S MOST EVIL SCIENTIST!
PRESENTLY, A STARTLED WORLD WITNESSES A REIGN OF DEVASTATION...
AS THE AUTHORITIES REACH THE END OF THEIR PATIENCE...
THAT DOES IT, SUPERGIRL! SUPER-HORSE HAS GONE BERSERK! HE'S BECOME A MENACE TO NATIONAL SECURITY! WE'RE ALERTING ALL COMBAT UNITS TO DESTROY HIM ON SIGHT!
I UNDERSTAND, SIR! YOU MUST DO YOUR DUTY!
TO THINK THAT MY FRIEND COMET WOULD BECOME A DISGRACE TO ALL SUPER-BEINGS!
LATER, AS SUPER-HORSE SWOOPS DOWN OVER METROPOLIS...
GULP! THEY HATE ME! EVERYONE HAS BECOME MY ENEMY! I DON'T BLAME THEM! BUT I WISH I KNEW WHAT CAUSES THOSE INSANE MOODS OF MINE!
BOOM!
BOOM
WE CAN'T HARM HIM! HE'S INVULNERABLE!
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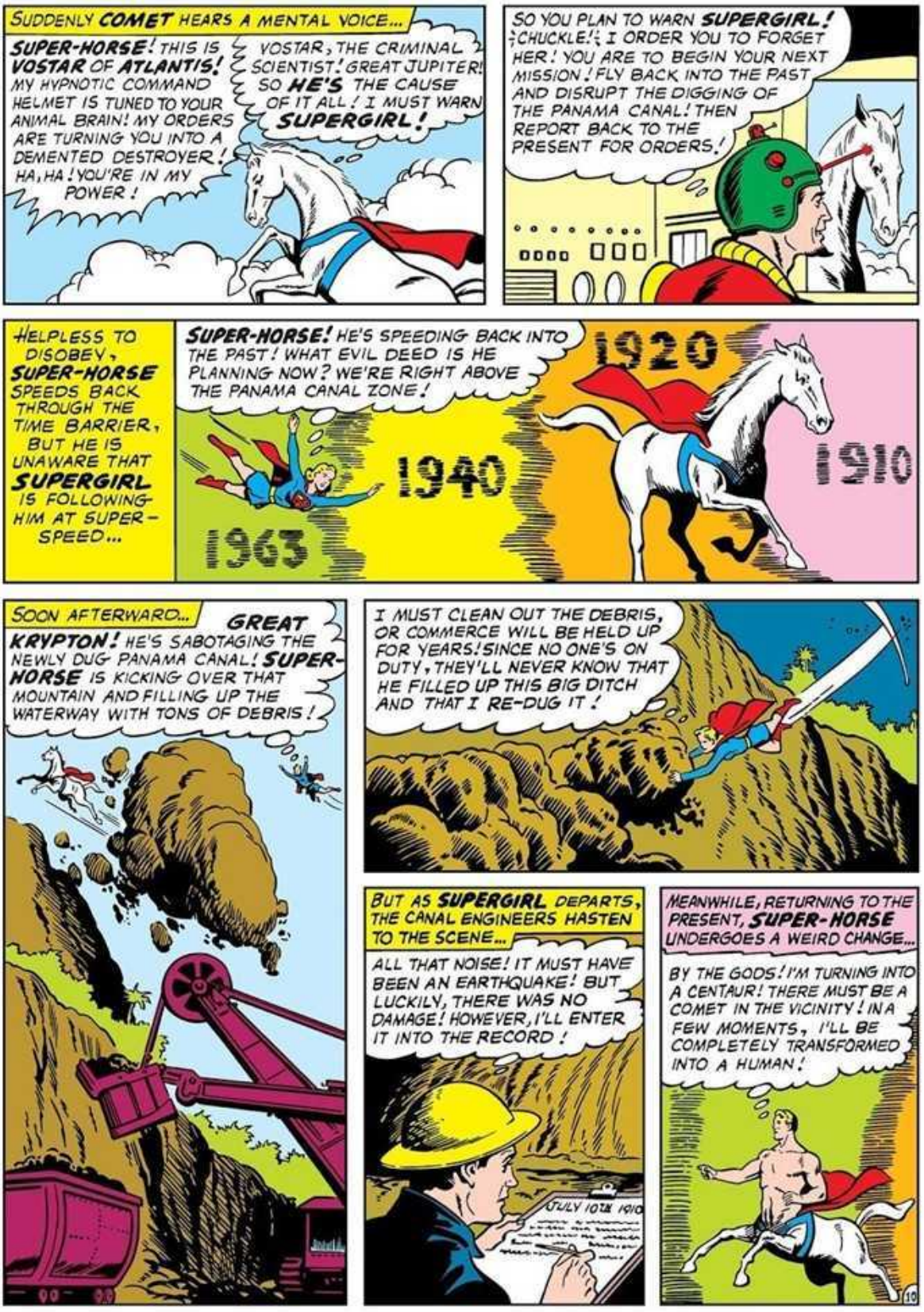
SUDDENLY COMET HEARS A MENTAL VOICE...
SUPER-HORSE! THIS IS VOSTAR OF ATLANTIS! MY HYPNOTIC COMMAND HELMET IS TUNED TO YOUR ANIMAL BRAIN! MY ORDERS ARE TURNING YOU INTO A DEMENTED DESTROYER! HA, HA! YOU'RE IN MY POWER!
VOSTAR, THE CRIMINAL SCIENTIST! GREAT JUPITER! SO HE'S THE CAUSE OF IT ALL! I MUST WARN SUPERGIRL!
SO YOU PLAN TO WARN SUPERGIRL! CHUCKLE! I ORDER YOU TO FORGET HER! YOU ARE TO BEGIN YOUR NEXT MISSION! FLY BACK INTO THE PAST AND DISRUPT THE DIGGING OF THE PANAMA CANAL! THEN REPORT BACK TO THE PRESENT FOR ORDERS!
HELPLESS TO DISOBEY, SUPER-HORSE SPEEDS BACK THROUGH THE TIME BARRIER, BUT HE IS UNAWARE THAT SUPERGIRL IS FOLLOWING HIM AT SUPER-SPEED...
SUPER-HORSE! HE'S SPEEDING BACK INTO THE PAST! WHAT EVIL DEED IS HE PLANNING NOW? WE'RE RIGHT ABOVE THE PANAMA CANAL ZONE!
1963
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SOON AFTERWARD...
GREAT KRYPTON! HE'S SABOTAGING THE NEWLY DUG PANAMA CANAL! SUPER-HORSE IS KICKING OVER THAT MOUNTAIN AND FILLING UP THE WATERWAY WITH TONS OF DEBRIS!
I MUST CLEAN OUT THE DEBRIS, OR COMMERCE WILL BE HELD UP FOR YEARS! SINCE NO ONE'S ON DUTY, THEY'LL NEVER KNOW THAT HE FILLED UP THIS BIG DITCH AND THAT I RE-DUG IT!
BUT AS SUPERGIRL DEPARTS, THE CANAL ENGINEERS HASTEN TO THE SCENE...
ALL THAT NOISE! IT MUST HAVE BEEN AN EARTHQUAKE! BUT LUCKILY, THERE WAS NO DAMAGE! HOWEVER, I'LL ENTER IT INTO THE RECORD!
JULY 10TH 1910
MEANWHILE, RETURNING TO THE PRESENT, SUPER-HORSE UNDERGOES A WEIRD CHANGE...
BY THE GODS! I'M TURNING INTO A CENTAUR! THERE MUST BE A COMET IN THE VICINITY! IN A FEW MOMENTS, I'LL BE COMPLETELY TRANSFORMED INTO A HUMAN!
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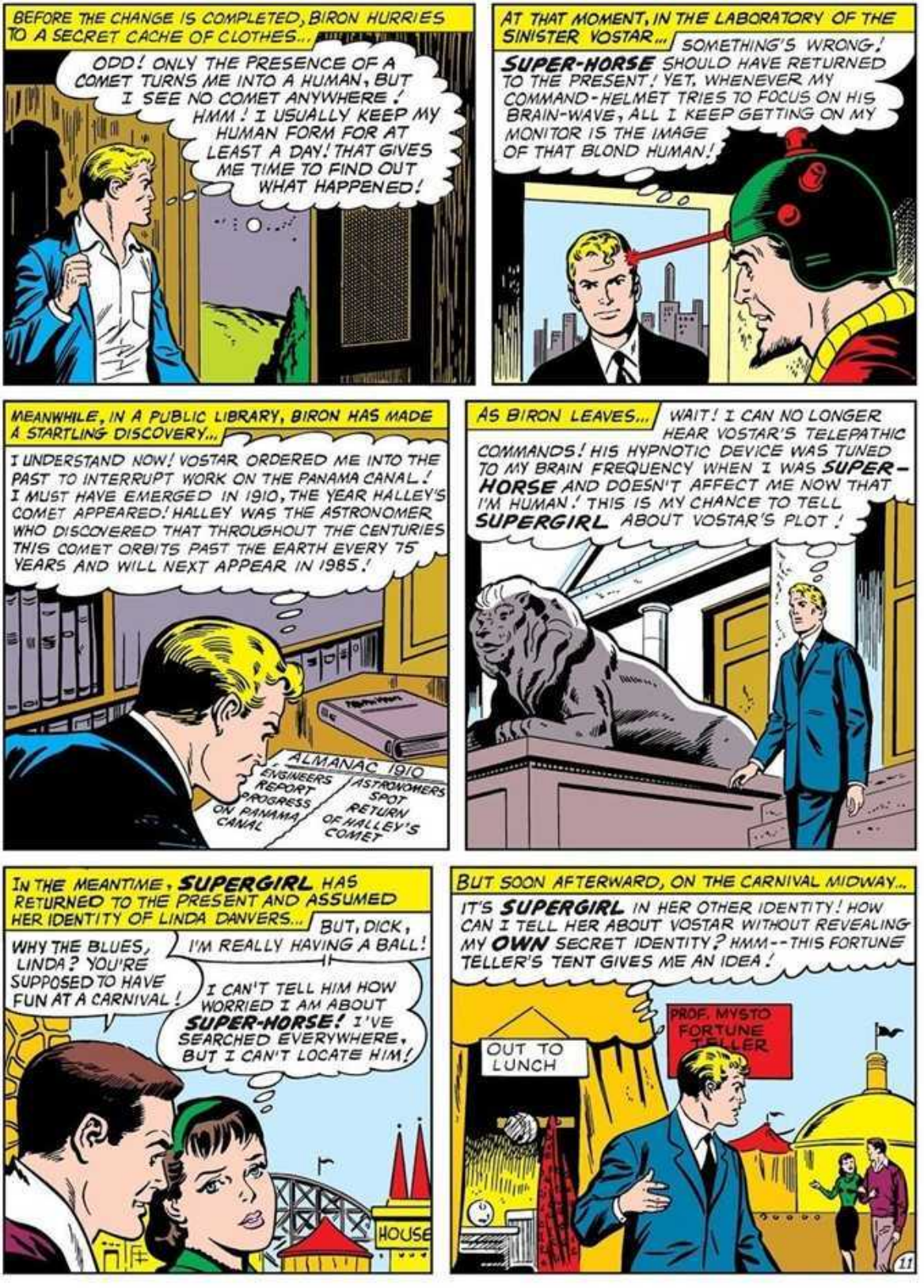
BEFORE THE CHANGE IS COMPLETED, BIRON HURRIES TO A SECRET CACHE OF CLOTHES...
ODD! ONLY THE PRESENCE OF A COMET TURNS ME INTO A HUMAN, BUT I SEE NO COMET ANYWHERE! HMM! I USUALLY KEEP MY HUMAN FORM FOR AT LEAST A DAY! THAT GIVES ME TIME TO FIND OUT WHAT HAPPENED!
AT THAT MOMENT, IN THE LABORATORY OF THE SINISTER VOSTAR...
SOMETHING'S WRONG! SUPER-HORSE SHOULD HAVE RETURNED TO THE PRESENT! YET, WHENEVER MY COMMAND-HELMET TRIES TO FOCUS ON HIS BRAIN-WAVE, ALL I KEEP GETTING ON MY MONITOR IS THE IMAGE OF THAT BLOND HUMAN!
MEANWHILE, IN A PUBLIC LIBRARY, BIRON HAS MADE A STARTLING DISCOVERY...
I UNDERSTAND NOW! VOSTAR ORDERED ME INTO THE PAST TO INTERRUPT WORK ON THE PANAMA CANAL! I MUST HAVE EMERGED IN 1910, THE YEAR HALLEY'S COMET APPEARED! HALLEY WAS THE ASTRONOMER WHO DISCOVERED THAT THROUGHOUT THE CENTURIES THIS COMET ORBITS PAST THE EARTH EVERY 75 YEARS AND WILL NEXT APPEAR IN 1985!
ALMANAC 1910
ENGINEERS REPORT PROGRESS ON PANAMA CANAL
ASTRONOMERS SPOT RETURN OF HALLEY'S COMET
AS BIRON LEAVES...
WAIT! I CAN NO LONGER HEAR VOSTAR'S TELEPATHIC COMMANDS! HIS HYPNOTIC DEVICE WAS TUNED TO MY BRAIN FREQUENCY WHEN I WAS SUPER-HORSE AND DOESN'T AFFECT ME NOW THAT I'M HUMAN! THIS IS MY CHANCE TO TELL SUPERGIRL ABOUT VOSTAR'S PLOT!
IN THE MEANTIME, SUPERGIRL HAS RETURNED TO THE PRESENT AND ASSUMED HER IDENTITY OF LINDA DANVERS...
BUT, DICK, I'M REALLY HAVING A BALL!
WHY THE BLUES, LINDA? YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO HAVE FUN AT A CARNIVAL!
I CAN'T TELL HIM HOW WORRIED I AM ABOUT SUPER-HORSE! I'VE SEARCHED EVERYWHERE, BUT I CAN'T LOCATE HIM!
HOUSE
BUT SOON AFTERWARD, ON THE CARNIVAL MIDWAY...
IT'S SUPERGIRL IN HER OTHER IDENTITY! HOW CAN I TELL HER ABOUT VOSTAR WITHOUT REVEALING MY OWN SECRET IDENTITY? HMM--THIS FORTUNE TELLER'S TENT GIVES ME AN IDEA!
OUT TO LUNCH
PROF. MYSTO FORTUNE TELLER
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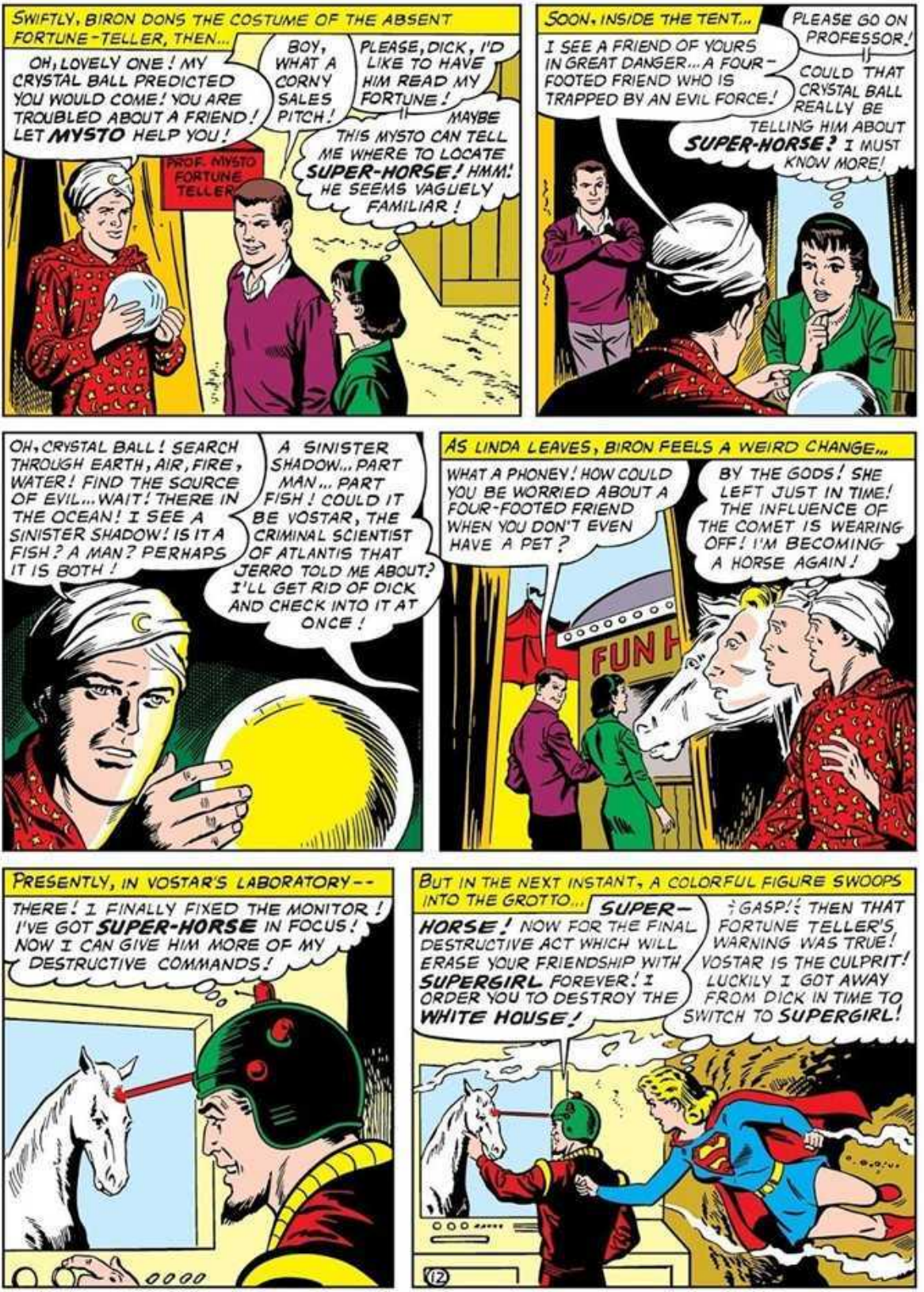
SWIFTLY, BIRON DONS THE COSTUME OF THE ABSENT FORTUNE-TELLER, THEN...
OH, LOVELY ONE! MY CRYSTAL BALL PREDICTED YOU WOULD COME! YOU ARE TROUBLED ABOUT A FRIEND! LET MYSTO HELP YOU!
BOY, WHAT A CORNY SALES PITCH!
PROF. MYSTO FORTUNE TELLER
PLEASE, DICK, I'D LIKE TO HAVE HIM READ MY FORTUNE!
MAYBE THIS MYSTO CAN TELL ME WHERE TO LOCATE SUPER-HORSE! HMM! HE SEEMS VAGUELY FAMILIAR!
SOON, INSIDE THE TENT...
I SEE A FRIEND OF YOURS IN GREAT DANGER... A FOUR-FOOTED FRIEND WHO IS TRAPPED BY AN EVIL FORCE!
PLEASE GO ON PROFESSOR!
COULD THAT CRYSTAL BALL REALLY BE TELLING HIM ABOUT SUPER-HORSE? I MUST KNOW MORE!
OH, CRYSTAL BALL! SEARCH THROUGH EARTH, AIR, FIRE, WATER! FIND THE SOURCE OF EVIL... WAIT! THERE IN THE OCEAN! I SEE A SINISTER SHADOW! IS IT A FISH? A MAN? PERHAPS IT IS BOTH!
A SINISTER SHADOW... PART MAN... PART FISH! COULD IT BE VOSTAR, THE CRIMINAL SCIENTIST OF ATLANTIS THAT JERRO TOLD ME ABOUT? I'LL GET RID OF DICK AND CHECK INTO IT AT ONCE!
AS LINDA LEAVES, BIRON FEELS A WEIRD CHANGE...
WHAT A PHONEY! HOW COULD YOU BE WORRIED ABOUT A FOUR-FOOTED FRIEND WHEN YOU DON'T EVEN HAVE A PET?
FUN H
BY THE GODS! SHE LEFT JUST IN TIME! THE INFLUENCE OF THE COMET IS WEARING OFF! I'M BECOMING A HORSE AGAIN!
PRESENTLY, IN VOSTAR'S LABORATORY--
THERE! I FINALLY FIXED THE MONITOR! I'VE GOT SUPER-HORSE IN FOCUS! NOW I CAN GIVE HIM MORE OF MY DESTRUCTIVE COMMANDS!
BUT IN THE NEXT INSTANT, A COLORFUL FIGURE SWOOPS INTO THE GROTTO...
SUPER-HORSE! NOW FOR THE FINAL DESTRUCTIVE ACT WHICH WILL ERASE YOUR FRIENDSHIP WITH SUPERGIRL FOREVER! I ORDER YOU TO DESTROY THE WHITE HOUSE!
GASP! THEN THAT FORTUNE TELLER'S WARNING WAS TRUE! VOSTAR IS THE CULPRIT! LUCKILY I GOT AWAY FROM DICK IN TIME TO SWITCH TO SUPERGIRL!
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AT THAT MOMENT OVER WASHINGTON, D.C....
IT'S SUPER-HORSE! HE'S GOING TO ATTACK!
I MUST RUIN--DEVASTATE... DESTROY EVERYTHING!

BUT MEANWHILE, SUPERGIRL HAS OVERPOWERED VOSTAR AND DONNED HIS COMMAND-HELMET...
ATTENTION, SUPER-HORSE! THIS IS SUPERGIRL! CANCEL ALL PREVIOUS ORDERS! SWITCH TO YOUR NORMAL BEHAVIOR PATTERN AND REPORT TO ME IN ATLANTIS AT ONCE!
THANKS, SUPERGIRL! YOU'VE FREED ME FROM THIS TERRIBLE MENTAL SLAVERY!

LATER, AS VOSTAR IS TURNED OVER TO THE ATLANTIS AUTHORITIES...
SO YOU THINK YOU'VE STOPPED ME? FOOLS! NO PRISON CAN HOLD VOSTAR! I'M THE WORLD'S GREATEST CRIMINAL SCIENTIST! GREATER EVEN THAN LUTHOR!
HMM! SO HE CONSIDERS HIMSELF LUTHOR'S RIVAL? THIS COULD LEAD TO REAL TROUBLE SOME DAY!
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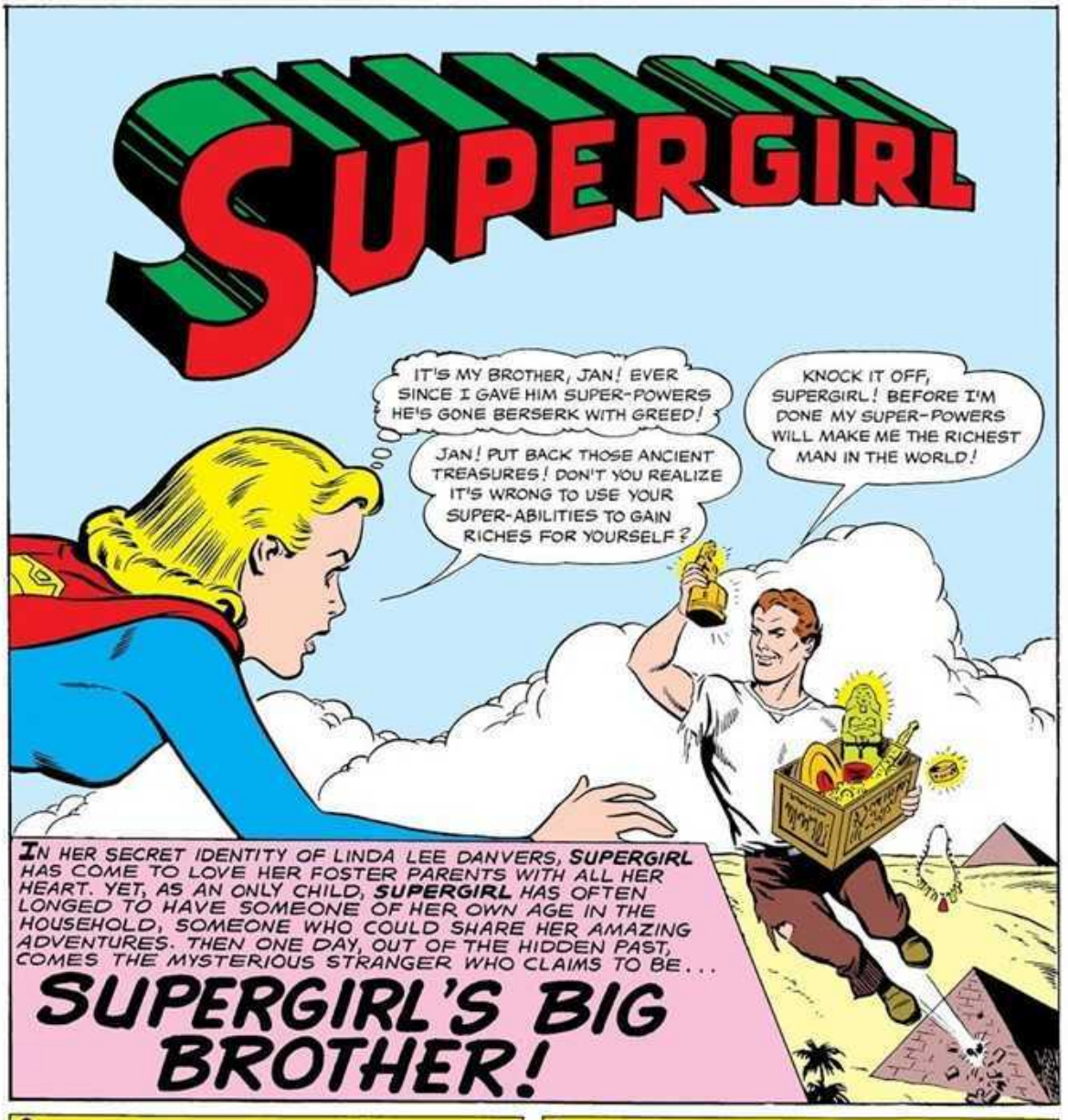
THAT AFTERNOON, AS LINDA VISITS THE CARNIVAL TO THANK THE FORTUNE-TELLER...
A HANDSOME YOUNG FORTUNE TELLER? THERE MUST BE SOME MISTAKE! I AM PROFESSOR MYSTO!
I SEE! THANK YOU!
THEN WHO WAS THAT MAN WHO TOLD MY FORTUNE? HE LOOKED SO FAMILIAR TO ME! I WONDER IF I'LL EVER SEE HIM AGAIN?
PROF. MYST FORTUN TELLER
THAT'S A GOOD QUESTION! WILL SUPERGIRL EVER AGAIN MEET BIRON FACE TO FACE? WILL SHE EVER DISCOVER THE SECRET IDENTITY OF SUPER-HORSE? WATCH FOR FUTURE STORIES IN THIS MAGAZINE!

SUPERGIRL


SUPERGIRL
IT'S MY BROTHER, JAN! EVER SINCE I GAVE HIM SUPER-POWERS HE'S GONE BERSERK WITH GREED!
JAN! PUT BACK THOSE ANCIENT TREASURES! DON'T YOU REALIZE IT'S WRONG TO USE YOUR SUPER-ABILITIES TO GAIN RICHES FOR YOURSELF?
KNOCK IT OFF, SUPERGIRL! BEFORE I'M DONE MY SUPER-POWERS WILL MAKE ME THE RICHEST MAN IN THE WORLD!
IN HER SECRET IDENTITY OF LINDA LEE DANVERS, SUPERGIRL HAS COME TO LOVE HER FOSTER PARENTS WITH ALL HER HEART. YET, AS AN ONLY CHILD, SUPERGIRL HAS OFTEN LONGED TO HAVE SOMEONE OF HER OWN AGE IN THE HOUSEHOLD, SOMEONE WHO COULD SHARE HER AMAZING ADVENTURES. THEN ONE DAY, OUT OF THE HIDDEN PAST, COMES THE MYSTERIOUS STRANGER WHO CLAIMS TO BE...
SUPERGIRL'S BIG BROTHER!

ONE DAY, AS LINDA LEE DANVERS, WHO IS SECRETLY THE HEROIC SUPERGIRL, DOES HER HOUSEHOLD CHORES...
MOTHER AND DAD ARE AWAY VISITING! I'LL CLEAN THE HOUSE AT SUPER-SPEED AND SURPRISE THEM!

BUT FATE IS ABOUT TO BRING A GREAT CHANGE IN SUPERGIRL'S LIFE FOR AT THAT MOMENT, ACROSS THE STREET...
THAT'S THE RIGHT ADDRESS! THIS IS WHERE I GO INTO MY ACT!
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MOMENTS LATER, AS LINDA ANSWERS THE DOORBELL ...
THE DANVERS? THEY AREN'T IN! I'M THEIR DAUGHTER! CAN I HELP YOU?
LET'S CUT THE COMEDY, SHALL WE? I HAPPEN TO KNOW THE DANVERS DON'T HAVE A DAUGHTER!
WELL, IT JUST SO HAPPENS THAT I'M THE DANVERS' ADOPTED DAUGHTER, LINDA! AND WHO ARE YOU?
ADOPTED DAUGHTER, EH? WELL, YOU MIGHT SAY I'M YOUR BROTHER... YOUR BIG BROTHER, JAN!
AS LINDA LISTENS IN SHOCKED DISBELIEF ...
MOTHER AND DAD MUST HAVE TOLD YOU ABOUT ME! I'VE BEEN AWAY... IN THE ARMY, IN KOREA ...
THAT'S A FISHY STORY IF I EVER HEARD ONE! ;GULP< BUT, ACCORDING TO MY X-RAY VISION, THE IDENTIFICATION CARD IN HIS WALLET CHECKS OUT!
IDENTIFICATION: NAME... JAN DANVERS ADDRESS: MIDVALE U.S.A. IN EMERGENCY PLEASE NOTIFY: FRED DANVERS
JUST THEN, THE DANVERS ARRIVE...
FRED! THAT YOUNG MAN STANDING THERE WITH LINDA... IT LOOKS LIKE... GASP... NO, IT CAN'T BE! THIS IS SOME CRUEL JOKE!
IT COULD BE HIM... BUT I CAN'T BELIEVE IT! CHOKE! NOT AFTER ALL THESE YEARS!
A TENSE MOMENT LATER...
FRED! THAT BIRTHMARK ON HIS WRIST! I TELL YOU, IT'S OUR JAN!
MOTHER! DAD! YES, IT'S ME!
GASP! THEN IT REALLY IS THEIR SON! AND I THOUGHT HE WAS A PHONEY!
AS LINDA HEARS THE STARTLING STORY UNFOLD...
BUT, JAN! THE ARMY INFORMED US YOU WERE KILLED ON CHU-LI ISLAND, OFF KOREA, IN 1951!
IT WAS A MISTAKE, MOTHER! A MIX-UP IN THE RECORDS! I WAS WOUNDED AND SHELL-SHOCKED! I HAD AMNESIA AND DIDN'T RECOVER UNTIL A MONTH AGO!
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IT WAS THE PICTURES IN THIS LOCKET THAT FINALLY RESTORED MY MEMORY! THE DOCTORS SAY I CLUNG TO THAT LOCKET ALL THROUGH MY ILLNESS!
IT'S THE GOOD LUCK PIECE WE GAVE YOU WHEN YOU WENT AWAY, SON!
SOON, INSIDE THE HOUSE...
BUT, MOTHER, DAD! YOU NEVER TOLD ME I HAD A BROTHER!
WHY?
IT'S A LONG STORY, LINDA DEAR! WHEN WE THOUGHT WE LOST JAN, WE WERE HEARTBROKEN WITH GRIEF! WE PUT ALL HIS THINGS AWAY SO WE WOULDN'T BE TORTURED BY MEMORIES!
"YEARS PASSED. THEN, ONE DAY, WE WENT TO THE ORPHANAGE AND ADOPTED YOU!"
LINDA IS SUCH A LOVELY GIRL, FRED! LET'S ADOPT HER! I KNOW SHE'LL FILL THE EMPTINESS IN OUR LIVES!
PRESENTLY...
YOU'LL USE THE GUEST ROOM, SON!
LOOK, JAN, I'VE PICKED SOME FLOWERS FOR YOU FROM THE GARDEN AS A WELCOME-HOME PRESENT FOR MY BROTHER!
I'VE GOT A PRESENT FOR MY KID SISTER, TOO!
THIS KISS!
HA, HA! LOOK AT HER BLUSH!
MMM! FOR A SECOND THERE, I NEARLY FORGOT I WAS HIS FOSTER SISTER!
BUT LATER, AS THE NEWCOMER IS LEFT ALONE...
THAT FAKE BIRTHMARK REALLY SOLD THEM! I'D BETTER TOUCH IT UP WITH THIS MAKE-UP PAINT!
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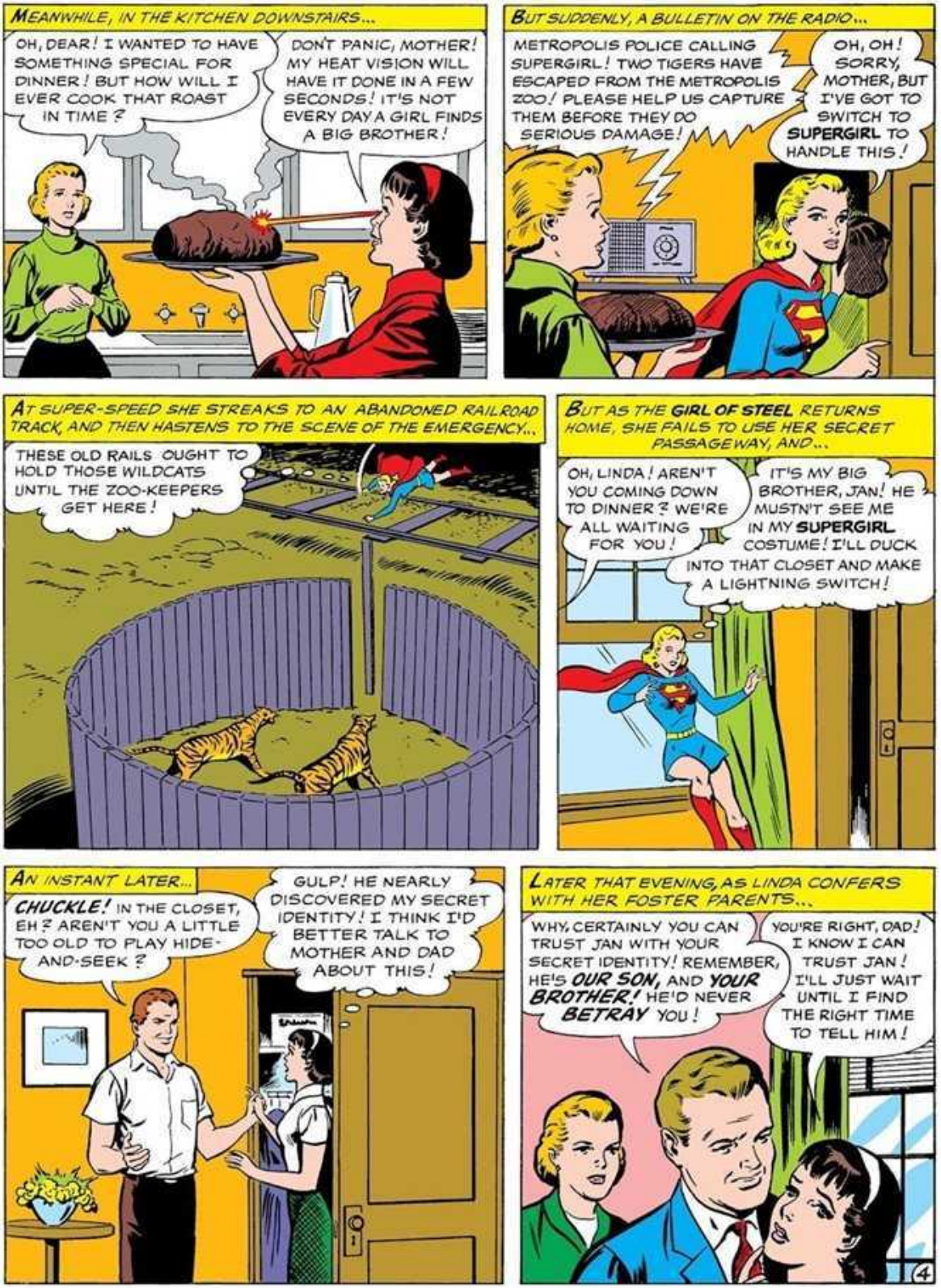
MEANWHILE, IN THE KITCHEN DOWNSTAIRS...
OH, DEAR! I WANTED TO HAVE SOMETHING SPECIAL FOR DINNER! BUT HOW WILL I EVER COOK THAT ROAST IN TIME?
DON'T PANIC, MOTHER! MY HEAT VISION WILL HAVE IT DONE IN A FEW SECONDS! IT'S NOT EVERY DAY A GIRL FINDS A BIG BROTHER!
BUT SUDDENLY, A BULLETIN ON THE RADIO...
METROPOLIS POLICE CALLING SUPERGIRL! TWO TIGERS HAVE ESCAPED FROM THE METROPOLIS ZOO! PLEASE HELP US CAPTURE THEM BEFORE THEY DO SERIOUS DAMAGE!
OH, OH! SORRY, MOTHER, BUT I'VE GOT TO SWITCH TO SUPERGIRL TO HANDLE THIS!
AT SUPER-SPEED SHE STREAKS TO AN ABANDONED RAILROAD TRACK, AND THEN HASTENS TO THE SCENE OF THE EMERGENCY...
THESE OLD RAILS OUGHT TO HOLD THOSE WILDCATS UNTIL THE ZOO-KEEPERS GET HERE!
BUT AS THE GIRL OF STEEL RETURNS HOME, SHE FAILS TO USE HER SECRET PASSAGEWAY, AND...
OH, LINDA! AREN'T YOU COMING DOWN TO DINNER? WE'RE ALL WAITING FOR YOU!
IT'S MY BIG BROTHER, JAN! HE MUSTN'T SEE ME IN MY SUPERGIRL COSTUME! I'LL DUCK INTO THAT CLOSET AND MAKE A LIGHTNING SWITCH!
AN INSTANT LATER...
CHUCKLE! IN THE CLOSET, EH? AREN'T YOU A LITTLE TOO OLD TO PLAY HIDE-AND-SEEK?
GULP! HE NEARLY DISCOVERED MY SECRET IDENTITY! I THINK I'D BETTER TALK TO MOTHER AND DAD ABOUT THIS!
LATER THAT EVENING, AS LINDA CONFERS WITH HER FOSTER PARENTS...
WHY, CERTAINLY YOU CAN TRUST JAN WITH YOUR SECRET IDENTITY! REMEMBER, HE'S OUR SON, AND YOUR BROTHER! HE'D NEVER BETRAY YOU!
YOU'RE RIGHT, DAD! I KNOW I CAN TRUST JAN! I'LL JUST WAIT UNTIL I FIND THE RIGHT TIME TO TELL HIM!
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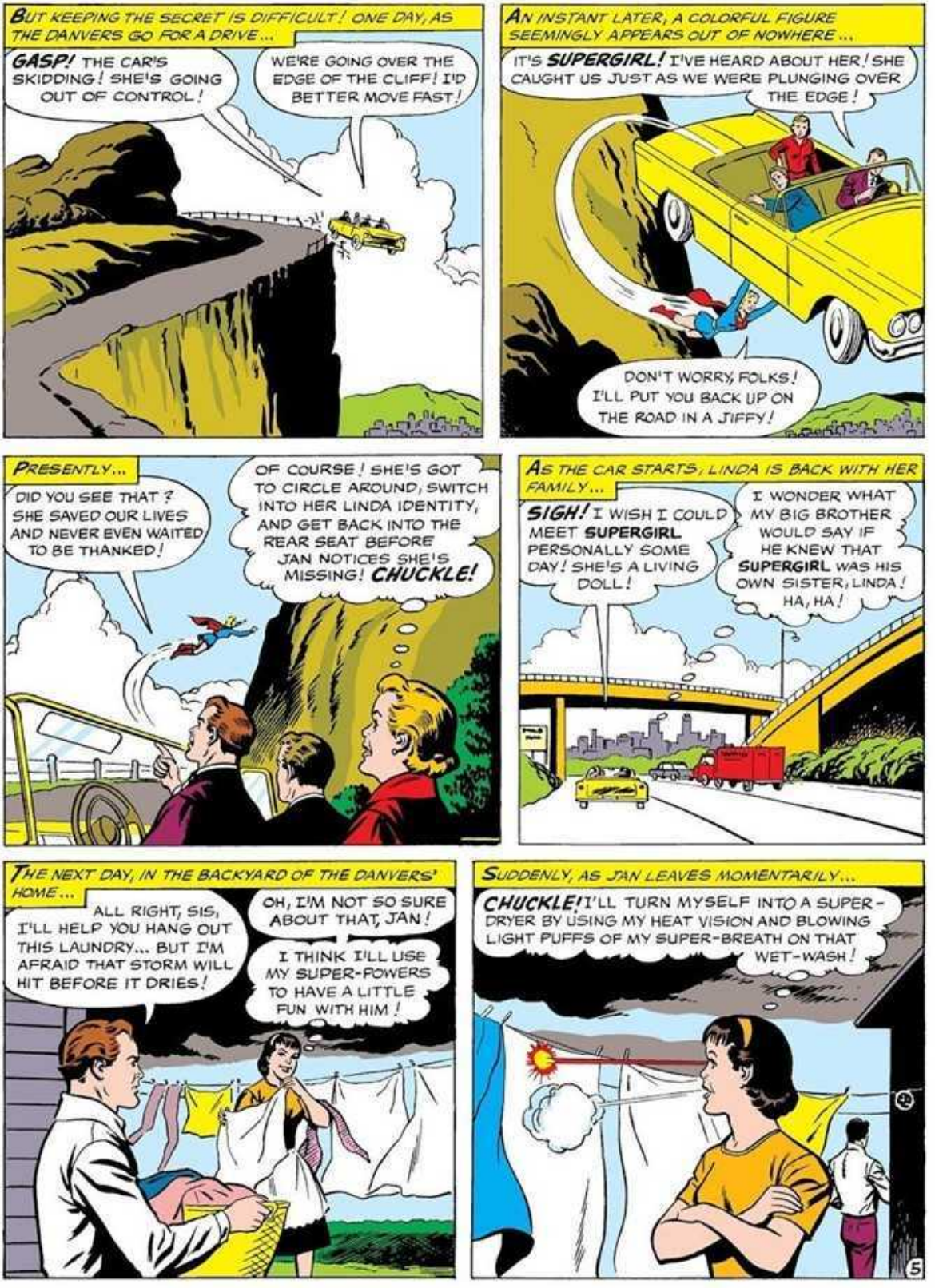
BUT KEEPING THE SECRET IS DIFFICULT! ONE DAY, AS THE DANVERS GO FOR A DRIVE...
GASP! THE CAR'S SKIDDING! SHE'S GOING OUT OF CONTROL!
WE'RE GOING OVER THE EDGE OF THE CLIFF! I'D BETTER MOVE FAST!
AN INSTANT LATER, A COLORFUL FIGURE SEEMINGLY APPEARS OUT OF NOWHERE...
IT'S SUPERGIRL! I'VE HEARD ABOUT HER! SHE CAUGHT US JUST AS WE WERE PLUNGING OVER THE EDGE!
DON'T WORRY, FOLKS! I'LL PUT YOU BACK UP ON THE ROAD IN A JIFFY!
PRESENTLY...
DID YOU SEE THAT? SHE SAVED OUR LIVES AND NEVER EVEN WAITED TO BE THANKED!
OF COURSE! SHE'S GOT TO CIRCLE AROUND, SWITCH INTO HER LINDA IDENTITY, AND GET BACK INTO THE REAR SEAT BEFORE JAN NOTICES SHE'S MISSING! CHUCKLE!
AS THE CAR STARTS, LINDA IS BACK WITH HER FAMILY...
SIGH! I WISH I COULD MEET SUPERGIRL PERSONALLY SOME DAY! SHE'S A LIVING DOLL!
I WONDER WHAT MY BIG BROTHER WOULD SAY IF HE KNEW THAT SUPERGIRL WAS HIS OWN SISTER, LINDA! HA, HA!
THE NEXT DAY, IN THE BACKYARD OF THE DANVERS' HOME...
ALL RIGHT, SIS, I'LL HELP YOU HANG OUT THIS LAUNDRY... BUT I'M AFRAID THAT STORM WILL HIT BEFORE IT DRIES!
OH, I'M NOT SO SURE ABOUT THAT, JAN!
I THINK I'LL USE MY SUPER-POWERS TO HAVE A LITTLE FUN WITH HIM!
SUDDENLY, AS JAN LEAVES MOMENTARILY...
CHUCKLE! I'LL TURN MYSELF INTO A SUPER-DRYER BY USING MY HEAT VISION AND BLOWING LIGHT PUFFS OF MY SUPER-BREATH ON THAT WET-WASH!
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AS JAN RETURNS...
LINDA, HOW COME YOU'RE TAKING DOWN THOSE WET CLOTHES?... ULP! THEY'RE BONE DRY! WHAT'S GOING ON AROUND HERE? I DON'T UNDERSTAND!
HE WOULDN'T BELIEVE IT IF I TOLD HIM! CHUCKLE!
THEN, ONE DAY, AS JAN REPAIRS THE FAMILY CAR...
GREAT SCOTT! I KICKED THE JACK LOOSE!
JAN! THE CAR'S GOING TO FALL ON HIM UNLESS...
AT LIGHTNING SPEED, LINDA GRASPS THE BUMPER, AND...
LINDA! YOU'RE HOLDING UP THE CAR AS IF IT WERE A TOY! GASP!! BUT ONLY SUPERGIRL HAS THAT MUCH STRENGTH!
HA, HA! THAT'S RIGHT, JAN!
SWIFTLY SHE REPLACES THE JACK, AND...
YOU MAY AS WELL KNOW IT NOW, JAN! I AM SUPERGIRL! SEE?
SUPERGIRL! MY OWN KID SISTER! I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!
HOW LUCKY CAN A GUY GET? IT MUST BE GREAT HAVING ALL THOSE POWERS! GOLLY, HOW I WISH I COULD BE SUPER, TOO!
PERHAPS SOME DAY YOU WILL, JAN!
I DON'T LIKE THE WAY HE'S PLAYING UP TO ME NOW THAT HE KNOWS I'M SUPER-GIRL! HE'D PROBABLY MISUSE ANY SUPER-POWERS I COULD GIVE HIM!
THAT AFTERNOON, AT LUNCH...
JAN, THERE'S SOMETHING YOU OUGHT TO KNOW ABOUT! YOUR GRANDFATHER'S WILL! HE MADE YOU THE BENEFICIARY OF A TRUST FUND!
OH, ER...YES! I REMEMBER! IT WAS $50,000, WASN'T IT?
HM! HIS EYES CERTAINLY LIT UP WHEN DAD MENTIONED THAT MONEY! AND HE KNEW EXACTLY HOW MUCH THERE WAS, TOO!
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ER... THAT'S A LOT OF MONEY! I REALLY DON'T NEED IT, DAD! I THINK YOU SHOULD INVEST IT IN YOUR ENGINEERING BUSINESS FOR ME!
A WISE IDEA, SON!
HMM! IT LOOKS LIKE I MISUNDERSTOOD JAN! I THINK MY BIG BROTHER IS READY TO USE SUPER-POWERS AFTER ALL!
AFTERWARD, IN LINDA'S BASEMENT LABORATORY!
JAN, THIS EXPERIMENTAL PILL I JUST MADE WILL GIVE YOU SUPER-POWERS! NORMALLY I SHOULD CONSULT SUPERMAN ABOUT THIS, BUT THE EFFECTS OF THE PILL WILL LAST FOR ONLY AN HOUR!
THANKS, SIS! TO BE SUPER FOR EVEN AN HOUR WOULD BE AN EXPERIENCE I'LL NEVER FORGET!
PRESENTLY, AFTER SWALLOWING THE PILL...
WOW!
I CAN FLY! AND WITH MY SUPER-STRENGTH I CAN BALANCE THIS HEAVY TRUNK ON ONE FINGER!
FOLLOW ME OUT THROUGH MY SECRET EXIT, JAN! I WANT TO TEACH YOU HOW TO USE THE REST OF YOUR SUPER-POWERS PROPERLY!
AT SUPER-SPEED THEY FLY TO A REMOTE AREA ABOVE SCREENING CLOUDS, WHERE...
SLOW DOWN, JAN! THE FRICTION OF YOUR SPEED IS SETTING FIRE TO YOUR CLOTHES! THEY'RE NOT INDESTRUCTIBLE LIKE MY COSTUME!
HA! HA! I'M INVULNERABLE! THOSE FLAMES DON'T EVEN TICKLE, BUT I'LL PUFF THEM OUT WITH MY SUPER-BREATH! PFFFF!
SUDDENLY, AN EMERGENCY...
SORRY I HAVE TO INTERRUPT YOUR FLYING LESSON, JAN, BUT I MUST GET AFTER THAT JET THIS BORDER PATROL HELICOPTER IS FIRING AT! I THINK IT'S THE DIAMOND SMUGGLERS THEY'VE BEEN AFTER!
THAT SUPER-PILL WILL WORK FOR AT LEAST ANOTHER HALF HOUR! I'M COMING WITH YOU!
ALL RIGHT, JAN! BUT STAY IN THE BACKGROUND, SO YOU WON'T BE SEEN!
HE'S SO COURAGEOUS!! I'M GLAD I GAVE HIM SUPER-POWERS! GULP! WHAT A THRILL TO HAVE MY OWN BIG BROTHER ACCOMPANYING ME ON A VITAL MISSION!
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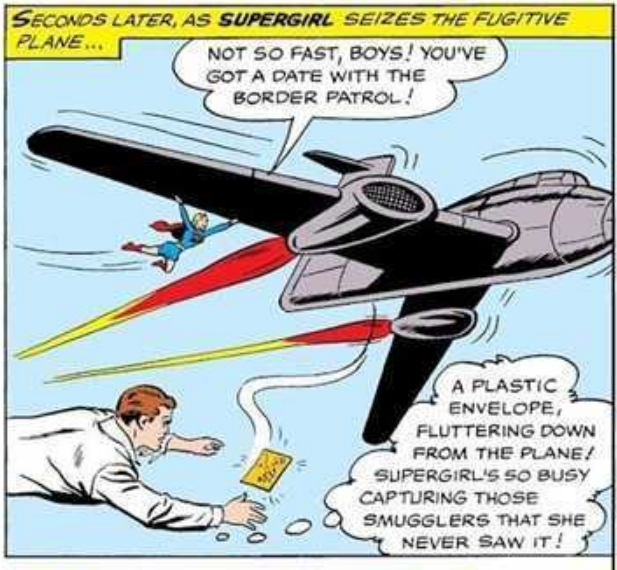
MOMENTS AFTERWARD, ABOARD THE SMUGGLERS' PLANE...
IT'S SUPERGIRL! SHE'S AFTER US! WE'RE SUNK IF SHE CATCHES US WITH THOSE SMUGGLED DIAMONDS!
WE'D BETTER DITCH THESE JEWELS, OR IT'S TEN YEARS IN THE PEN!

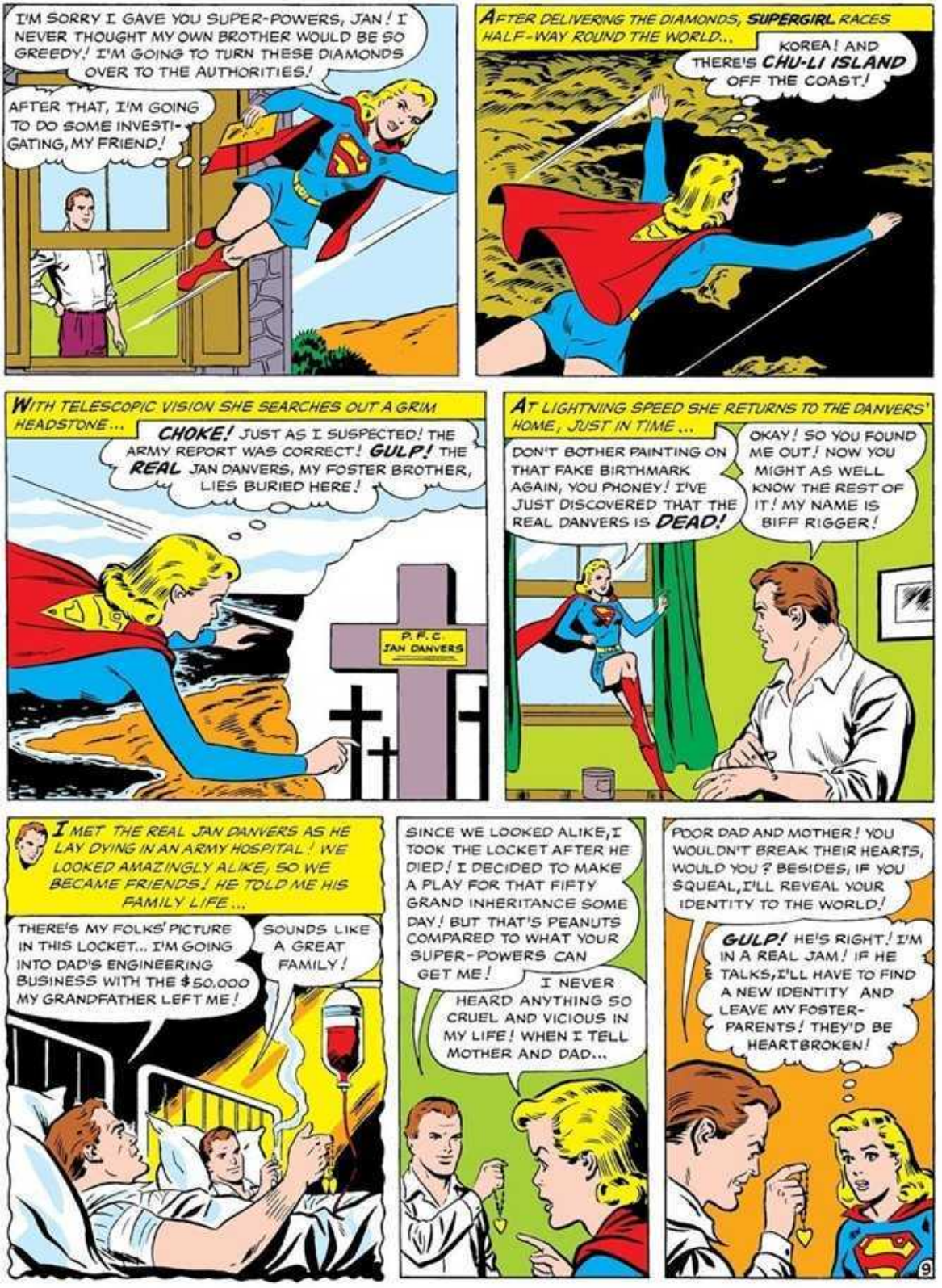

SECONDS LATER, AS SUPERGIRL SEIZES THE FUGITIVE PLANE...
NOT SO FAST, BOYS! YOU'VE GOT A DATE WITH THE BORDER PATROL!
A PLASTIC ENVELOPE, FLUTTERING DOWN FROM THE PLANE! SUPERGIRL'S SO BUSY CAPTURING THOSE SMUGGLERS THAT SHE NEVER SAW IT!

THE SMUGGLED DIAMONDS! THIS IS JUST THE BREAK I'M LOOKING FOR! CHUCKLE! I'LL CUT AWAY FROM HERE BEFORE SUPERGIRL REALIZES I'M GONE!

SOON, AT THE DANVERS' HOME...
JAN, I'M SO GLAD YOU GOT BACK SAFELY BEFORE YOUR SUPER-POWERS GAVE OUT! ... THEY'RE HOLDING THOSE SMUGGLERS ON SUSPICION! IT SEEMS THE AUTHORITIES COULDN'T FIND THE SMUGGLED DIAMONDS ON THE PLANE!
TCH! TCH! WHAT A SHAME!

BUT SUPERGIRL HAS SPOTTED JAN'S FURTIVE ACT, AND...
WHAT'S THIS? THE DIAMONDS! THEN YOU TOOK THEM! JAN, DON'T YOU KNOW YOU MUSTN'T USE YOUR SUPER-POWERS FOR YOUR OWN BENEFIT?
DON'T HAND ME THAT BOY SCOUT LECTURE, SIS! WHAT'S THE USE OF BEING SUPER IF YOU CAN'T MAKE ANY-THING ON THE DEAL?

YOU'VE BEEN HELPING EVERYONE ELSE FOR YEARS! NOW HOW ABOUT HELPING A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY? NO ONE WOULD KNOW WHAT HAPPENS TO THOSE DIAMONDS!
HIS ARM! THE SLEEVE WAS BURNED AWAY... BUT I CAN'T SEE THE CRESCENT BIRTH-MARK JAN HAD! HOW COULD IT VANISH UNLESS... UNLESS IT WAS A FAKE AND WAS BURNED AWAY, TOO, BY THE FRICTION!


I'M SORRY I GAVE YOU SUPER-POWERS, JAN! I NEVER THOUGHT MY OWN BROTHER WOULD BE SO GREEDY! I'M GOING TO TURN THESE DIAMONDS OVER TO THE AUTHORITIES!
AFTER THAT, I'M GOING TO DO SOME INVESTI-GATING, MY FRIEND!
AFTER DELIVERING THE DIAMONDS, SUPERGIRL RACES HALF-WAY ROUND THE WORLD...
KOREA! AND THERE'S CHU-LI ISLAND OFF THE COAST!
WITH TELESCOPIC VISION SHE SEARCHES OUT A GRIM HEADSTONE...
CHOKE! JUST AS I SUSPECTED! THE ARMY REPORT WAS CORRECT! GULP! THE REAL JAN DANVERS, MY FOSTER BROTHER, LIES BURIED HERE!
P.F.C. JAN DANVERS
AT LIGHTNING SPEED SHE RETURNS TO THE DANVERS' HOME, JUST IN TIME...
DON'T BOTHER PAINTING ON THAT FAKE BIRTHMARK AGAIN, YOU PHONEY! I'VE JUST DISCOVERED THAT THE REAL DANVERS IS DEAD!
OKAY! SO YOU FOUND ME OUT! NOW YOU MIGHT AS WELL KNOW THE REST OF IT! MY NAME IS BIFF RIGGER!
I MET THE REAL JAN DANVERS AS HE LAY DYING IN AN ARMY HOSPITAL! WE LOOKED AMAZINGLY ALIKE, SO WE BECAME FRIENDS! HE TOLD ME HIS FAMILY LIFE...
THERE'S MY FOLKS' PICTURE IN THIS LOCKET... I'M GOING INTO DAD'S ENGINEERING BUSINESS WITH THE $50,000 MY GRANDFATHER LEFT ME!
SOUNDS LIKE A GREAT FAMILY!
SINCE WE LOOKED ALIKE, I TOOK THE LOCKET AFTER HE DIED! I DECIDED TO MAKE A PLAY FOR THAT FIFTY GRAND INHERITANCE SOME DAY! BUT THAT'S PEANUTS COMPARED TO WHAT YOUR SUPER-POWERS CAN GET ME!
I NEVER HEARD ANYTHING SO CRUEL AND VICIOUS IN MY LIFE! WHEN I TELL MOTHER AND DAD...
POOR DAD AND MOTHER! YOU WOULDN'T BREAK THEIR HEARTS, WOULD YOU? BESIDES, IF YOU SQUEAL, I'LL REVEAL YOUR IDENTITY TO THE WORLD!
GULP! HE'S RIGHT! I'M IN A REAL JAM! IF HE TALKS, I'LL HAVE TO FIND A NEW IDENTITY AND LEAVE MY FOSTER-PARENTS! THEY'D BE HEARTBROKEN!
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NOW THAT WE UNDERSTAND EACH OTHER, HOW ABOUT MAKING ME ONE OF THOSE SUPER-PILLS? MY SUPER-POWERS HAVE WORN OFF!
NOT A CHANCE, YOU CROOK! I'M GOING ON A MISSION! IF YOU'RE SMART, YOU'LL BE GONE WHEN I GET BACK!
I'M BLUFFING, AND HE KNOWS IT! I MUST THINK OF SOME WAY TO GET RID OF THAT PHONEY!
AS SUPERGIRL LEAVES...
SUPERGIRL DOESN'T REALIZE I WAS WATCHING HER CLOSELY WHEN SHE MADE THAT SUPER-PILL! NOW LET'S SEE IF I CAN REMEMBER THE CHEMICALS SHE USED!
PRESENTLY...
MY PILL WORKED!
NOW TO PUT MY SUPER-POWERS TO USE! GERONIMO! MY TELESCOPIC VISION REVEALS A SUNKEN TREASURE AT THE BOTTOM OF THE SEA!
BUT SUPERGIRL HAS SPOTTED THE CULPRIT PLUNGING INTO THE SEA, AND...
HE MUST HAVE MADE A SUPER-PILL BY HIMSELF, SOMEHOW! GULP! HE'S LIFTING THAT VESSEL AS IF IT WERE A TOY!
I'LL TILT THIS SUNKEN SHIP OVER TO GET AT THE TREASURE! CHUCKLE! THIS IS CHILD'S PLAY WITH MY SUPER-STRENGTH!
BUT THE SHIP IS RESTING ON A LONG FORGOTTEN CLUSTER OF GREEN KRYPTONITE METEORS, AND...
KRYPTONITE! GASP! THOSE POISON RAYS... WEAKENING ME! THE PAIN! I CAN'T MOVE!
IT'S SUPERGIRL! THOSE GREEN ROCKS SEEM TO BE AFFECTING HER SEVERELY! SO THEY MUST BE KRYPTONITE! BUT SINCE I'M NOT FROM KRYPTON, THOSE POISON RAYS CAN'T AFFECT ME!
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WEAK... CAN'T MOVE... I'M BLACKING OUT...
SHE'S OUT COLD! CHUCKLE! I'D BE AN IDIOT TO SAVE HER WHEN I'VE GOT ALL THIS GOLD BULLION WAITING FOR ME! SHE'D ONLY MAKE ME GIVE IT BACK TO THE RIGHTFUL OWNERS!
BUT BIFF RIGGER IS TORMENTED BY HIS CONSCIENCE...
GULP! I CAN'T JUST IGNORE HER! CHOKE! AFTER ALL, I DO OWE HER MY LIFE! I REMEMBER HOW SHE CAUGHT THAT CAR THAT WAS ABOUT TO CRUSH ME!
SHE'S UNCONSCIOUS! SINKING FAST! I KNOW I'M A FOOL, BUT I CAN'T LET HER DIE LIKE THIS! I'VE GOT TO GET HER AWAY FROM THAT KRYPTONITE!
BUT AT THE SURFACE...
UHHH! THAT PAIN! IT'S GRIPPING MY CHEST LIKE A VISE!... I'VE GOT... THE BENDS!
WITH HIS LAST OUNCE OF STRENGTH BIFF SWIMS ASHORE...
COUGH! COUGH! THAT SUPER-PILL... I MUST HAVE LEFT OUT AN IMPORTANT CHEMICAL! MY SUPER-POWERS WORE OFF TOO SOON! COUGH! THE SUDDEN CHANGE IN WATER PRESSURE DAMAGED MY HEART!
...AS SUPERGIRL COMES TO...
SUPERGIRL! THANK HEAVENS YOU'RE ALIVE! COUGH! COUGH! DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME! TOO LATE TO HELP ME! I'M DYING.. I KNOW IT!
GULP! IF I HAD RECOVERED IN TIME I COULD HAVE BUILT A PRESSURE CHAMBER AND SAVED HIS LIFE! BUT HE'S TOO FAR GONE NOW!

SUPERGIRL! PLEASE FORGIVE ME ... NEVER HAD FOLKS OF MY OWN ... I WAS ALWAYS A DRIFTER! I WISH I HAD A FAMILY LIKE THE DANVERS! PROMISE NOT TO TELL THE TRUTH ABOUT ME, SIS! DON'T BREAK THEIR HEARTS!
I PROMISE! SOB!

AS THE DYING MAN BREATHES HIS LAST, LORI THE MERMAID AND HER FRIENDS APPEAR ...
SUPERGIRL, WE SAW YOUR DANGER ON OUR MONITOR SCREENS! WE CAME TO HELP YOU! OUR TELEPATHIC POWERS HAVE TOLD US OF THE EVIL THAT THIS MAN WAS ABOUT TO DO!
THEN YOU KNOW HE MADE UP FOR IT BY SACRIFICING HIS LIFE TO SAVE MINE! HELP ME GIVE HIM A HERO'S BURIAL BENEATH THE SEA!

LATER, AS SUPERGIRL BRINGS HER SORROWING PARENTS TO THE SCENE OF THE TRAGEDY...
MOTHER, DAD! WHAT MORE CAN I TELL YOU! JAN DIED IN ORDER TO SAVE MY LIFE! HE LIES BURIED AMONG THE HEROES OF ATLANTIS NOW!
SOB! WE LOST OUR SON! BUT AT LEAST THERE IS ONE COMFORT! WE STILL HAVE OUR LOVELY DAUGHTER!
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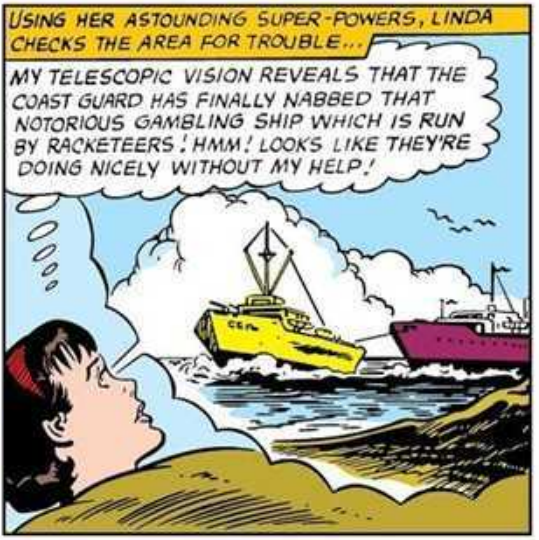
CHOKE! I KEPT MY PROMISE! THEY'LL NEVER KNOW THE REAL TRUTH! GOODBYE, FOREVER, "BROTHER"!
End

SUPERGIRL

SUPERGIRL
BLACK FLAME... HAVE MERCY! ;CROAK!; I'M PARCHED!... DYING OF THIRST! ;GROAN!; IN HEAVEN'S NAME, GIVE ME WATER... WATER!
THAT'S RIGHT, SUPERGIRL! CRAWL, BEG, PLEAD FOR MERCY, WHILE ALL YOUR ENEMIES IN THE PHANTOM ZONE ENJOY THIS GLORIOUS MOMENT OF REVENGE WITH ME!
REVENGE IS SWEET! NOW THAT GOLD KRYPTONITE HAS DESTROYED SUPERGIRL'S POWERS, SHE'S AT THE MERCY OF BLACK FLAME, THE MOST EVIL SUPER-MENACE OF ALL TIME!
WHO IS THIS MYSTERIOUS NEW ADVERSARY, WHO HAS SUPERGIRL AT HER MERCY? SHE IS BLACK FLAME, A VILLAINESS WHO IS MORE CUNNING THAN LESLA-LAR, MORE EVIL THAN LUTHOR! YES, SUPERGIRL FACES THE CHALLENGE OF HER CAREER WHEN SHE MEETS --
The MAID of MENACE!

ONE DAY, AS LINDA DANVERS, WHO IS SECRETLY SUPERGIRL, ENJOYS A DAY AT THE BEACH...
EVEN THOUGH YOU'RE BURIED UP TO THE NECK IN SAND, YOU'RE STILL THE PRETTIEST GIRL ON THE BEACH, LINDA!
DICK MALVERNE! YOU DIG ME OUT OF HERE AT ONCE!
SUPERMAN'S AWAY IN A DISTANT GALAXY AND I'M SUPPOSED TO COVER ALL EMERGENCIES HERE ON EARTH! BUT HOW CAN I, WHEN DICK HAS ME IN A SPOT LIKE THIS!


USING HER ASTOUNDING SUPER-POWERS, LINDA CHECKS THE AREA FOR TROUBLE...
MY TELESCOPIC VISION REVEALS THAT THE COAST GUARD HAS FINALLY NABBED THAT NOTORIOUS GAMBLING SHIP WHICH IS RUN BY RACKETEERS! HMM! LOOKS LIKE THEY'RE DOING NICELY WITHOUT MY HELP!

BUT SUDDENLY...
;GASP!; WHAT'S THIS? SOME MYSTERIOUS SUPER-BEING SWOOPED IN OUT OF NOWHERE AND MELTED THE STEEL TOW-CABLE WITH HER HEAT VISION! BUT WHO IS SHE?
MEANWHILE, MILES AT SEA, THE RACKETEERS REJOICE...
WOW! THAT MYSTERY GIRL IS HAULING US OUT PAST THE THREE-MILE LIMIT! WE'RE BEYOND THE REACH OF THE LAW!
HOW ABOUT THAT? IT LOOKS LIKE WE CROOKS HAVE A SUPER-DAME TO HELP US! JUST THE WAY SUPERGIRL HELPS THE COPS!
3 MILE LIMIT
AND AS LINDA'S TELESCOPIC VISION CHECKS THE COAST GUARD VESSEL...
THAT STRANGE FLYING MENACE AIDED THE ESCAPE OF THOSE CROOKED GAMBLERS! WHERE'S SUPERGIRL? SHE USUALLY HELPS US IN EMERGENCIES LIKE THIS!
;GULP!; THEY'RE RIGHT, BUT WHAT CAN I DO? I CAN'T GET AWAY WITHOUT REVEALING MY SECRET IDENTITY AS SUPERGIRL!
WHERE DOES SHE COME FROM? I'LL FOLLOW HER WITH MY TELESCOPIC VISION AND FIND OUT!...GOOD GRIEF! SHE'S VANISHING THROUGH THE TIME-BARRIER AT SUPER-SPEED! I CAN'T TRACK HER NOW!
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LATER, AT THE DANVERS' HOME, AS LINDA AND HER FOSTER-PARENTS WATCH THE T.V. NEWSCAST...
AND HERE IS A CLOSE-UP OF THE SUPER-MENACE WHO HELPED THE GAMBLERS ESCAPE! THESE FILMS WERE TAKEN BY THE COAST GUARD WHILE THEY WAITED IN VAIN FOR SUPERGIRL!
DON'T BLAME YOURSELF, DEAR! YOU DID YOUR BEST! YOU'LL BE READY FOR HER NEXT TIME SHE APPEARS!
BUT JUST THEN...
AND HERE'S A FLASH JUST IN! COMET, THE SUPER-HORSE, HAS GONE BERSERK! HE IS DESTROYING MONUMENT MOUNTAIN IN GOLD STONE NATIONAL PARK!
OH, NO! AS IF I DIDN'T HAVE ENOUGH TROUBLE! I'LL HAVE TO SWITCH TO SUPERGIRL AND CHECK ON THIS AT ONCE!
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AT FANTASTIC SPEED, SUPERGIRL FLASHES TO MONUMENT MOUNTAIN, WHERE THE NATIONS' HEROES ARE IMMORTALIZED IN STONE...
GREAT KRYPTON! MY FRIEND COMET IS DESTROYING ALL THOSE MONUMENTS! WHAT'S COME OVER HIM?
SUPERGIRL! I KNOW YOU CAN HEAR MY THOUGHTS TELE-PATHICALLY! I CAN'T STOP! I HAVE ORDERS TO CRUSH THESE STATUES TO RUBBLE!
COMET! HAVE YOU GONE MAD? STOP THAT DESTRUCTION AT ONCE!
AT THAT MOMENT... SUPER-HORSE IS RIGHT! HE'S UNDER THE CONTROL OF MY BRAIN COMMAND RING WHICH IS TUNED TO HIS BRAIN FREQUENCIES! I'VE ORDERED HIM TO BREAK UP THOSE STATUES!
IT'S THAT FLYING FEMALE MENACE!
WHO ARE YOU?
HOLD EVERYTHING, SUPERGIRL! STOP SUPER-HORSE AND I'LL USE MY HEAT VISION TO DESTROY THAT FUEL DUMP DOWN THERE!
THAT'S THE TANK FARM FOR A NEARBY ROCKET TESTING SITE! SHE COULD BLAST IT SKY-HIGH AND HALT OUR COUNTRY'S SPACE PROGRAM FOR MONTHS!
RESTRICTED! HIGH EXPLOSIVES EXPERIMENTAL FUEL
I'LL CARVE MY NAME FOR YOU IN THAT CLIFF WITH HEAT VISION! THAT SHOULD PROVE TO YOU THAT I'M AS SUPER AS YOU ARE!
BLACK FLAME
GASP! SHE SEEMS TO HAVE ALL MY SUPER-POWERS! BUT WHERE DOES SHE COME FROM?
I'LL SETTLE WITH YOU JUST AS SOON AS I STOP SUPER-HORSE FROM WRECKING THOSE STATUES!
CHOKE! YOU WIN FOR NOW, BLACK FLAME! SUPER-HORSE HAS DESTROYED THOSE MONUMENTS BY NOW, ANY WAY!
YES! AND SINCE I HAVE NO FURTHER USE FOR HIM, I'VE ORDERED HIM TO LEAVE! NOW IF YOU WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT ME, FOLLOW ME!
AT SUPER-SPEED, BLACK FLAME LEADS SUPERGIRL TO A REMOTE AREA OF THE SAHARA DESERT, WHERE...
THAT TRANSPARENT BUBBLE! IT LOOKS LIKE SOME KIND OF A TIME CAPSULE!
A CLEVER GUESS, SUPERGIRL! IT'S A SPECIAL LABORATORY AND HEADQUARTERS WHICH I USE IN MY TRIPS THROUGH TIME! I COME FROM THE FUTURE... THE YEAR 4,000, TO BE EXACT!
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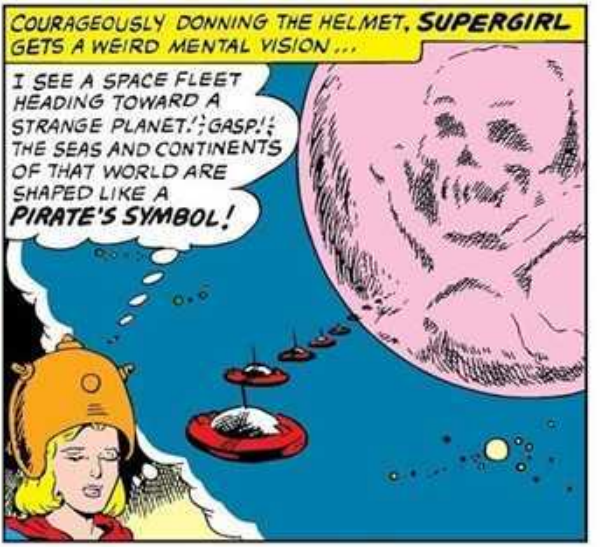
THAT DEVICE YOU SEE IS A MENTO-DOME WHICH CONTAINS THE RECORDED SECRET OF MY ORIGIN! PUT ON THAT DOME AND YOUR MIND WILL SEE EVENTS IN THE FUTURE WHICH WILL TELL YOU ALL ABOUT ME!
IT COULD BE A TRAP! BUT I MUST TAKE THE CHANCE AND PUT IT ON! IF I'M TO FIGHT THIS CHARACTER, I MUST KNOW ALL ABOUT HER!


COURAGEOUSLY DONNING THE HELMET, SUPERGIRL GETS A WEIRD MENTAL VISION...
I SEE A SPACE FLEET HEADING TOWARD A STRANGE PLANET! GASP! THE SEAS AND CONTINENTS OF THAT WORLD ARE SHAPED LIKE A PIRATE'S SYMBOL!

AS THE SPACESHIPS PREPARE TO LAND...
ADMIRAL TARG REPORTING! GREETINGS TO QUEEN BLACK FLAME! OUR RAID ON GALAXY XII WAS A COMPLETE SUCCESS!
SPLENDID! REPORT AS SOON AS YOU LAND!

AS THE MENTAL IMAGES CONTINUE...
THE LOOT FROM A HUNDRED PLANETS, YOUR MAJESTY! RARE RADIO-ACTIVE ALLOYS... A BRAIN PLANT FROM THE VEGETABLE WORLD OF CHLORUS... JEWELED HORNS OF THE GLOAM BEASTS...
GREAT KRYPTON! BLACK FLAME IS THE QUEEN FROM A PIRATE PLANET IN THE FUTURE!

MY SUBJECTS, I HAVE CHOSEN YOU FROM THE MOST EVIL CRIMINALS AND OUTCASTS OF THE UNIVERSE! THE SUPER-WEAPONS I DESIGNED FOR YOU HAVE BROUGHT US UNTOLD WEALTH! NOW, FOR OUR GREATEST TRIUMPH! YOU ARE ABOUT TO SEE ME HUMBLE THE REPRESENTATIVES OF EARTH--THE PLANET THAT EXILED ME YEARS AGO!

BUT AS EARTH'S AMBASSADORS ARE USHERED IN...
BLACK FLAME, YOU WERE BORN ON EARTH, BUT YOU ARE A DISGRACE TO THE PLANET ONCE YOUR HOME! THE WORLD COUNCIL REFUSES TO PAY TRIBUTE TO YOU AND YOUR SCURVY CREW!
WHAT? YOU DARE REFUSE MY DEMANDS!

AS THE EVIL QUEEN SNAPS OUT ORDERS...
START THE GENERATORS ON THE COSMO-TRONIC CANNON!
YES, YOUR MAJESTY!
SECONDS LATER, A COSMIC BOLT OF ENERGY SLICES OFF PART OF A NEARBY UNINHABITED MOON...
ZAAAPP!
STUNNED, THE EARTH DELEGATION WATCHES ON A MONITOR...
OUR COSMO-TRONIC CANNON CUT THROUGH THAT MOON LIKE A PIECE OF CHEESE! THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO EARTH UNLESS YOU PAY THE TRIBUTE I ASK!
IT'S PIRACY! BUT WE'LL HAVE TO PAY IT! AND TO THINK BLACK FLAME IS SUPERGIRL XXV-- AND THAT HER ANCESTOR WAS THE BELOVED SUPER-GIRL I, FROM ARGO CITY!
AS SUPERGIRL RECEIVES MORE MENTAL VISIONS...
AREN'T YOU ASHAMED TO BE LOOTING YOUR HOME PLANET-- YOU, WHO ARE A DESCENDANT OF THE ORIGINAL SUPERGIRL FROM 1963?
BAH! I'M SICK OF HEARING ABOUT THAT NAMBY-PAMBY DO-GOODER!
RAGE GRIPS THE CROWD AS THE PIRATE FLEET DEPARTS...
IF NOT FOR SUPERGIRL THERE WOULD HAVE BEEN NO PIRATE QUEEN!
YES! HER EVIL DESCENDANT INHERITED HER SUPER-POWERS! TEAR DOWN SUPER-GIRL'S STATUE!
AS THE SCENE FADES, SUPERGIRL REMOVES THE MENTO-DOME...
THEN YOU, BLACK FLAME, ARE MY DESCENDANT... A COLD-HEARTED FEMALE DESPERADO! CHOKE! WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN MY TIME ERA?
MY GREEDY HENCHMEN REVOLTED AND USED SOME OF MY SUPER-WEAPONS AGAINST ME! SO I'M HIDING IN THIS CENTURY TILL I REGAIN MY THRONE!
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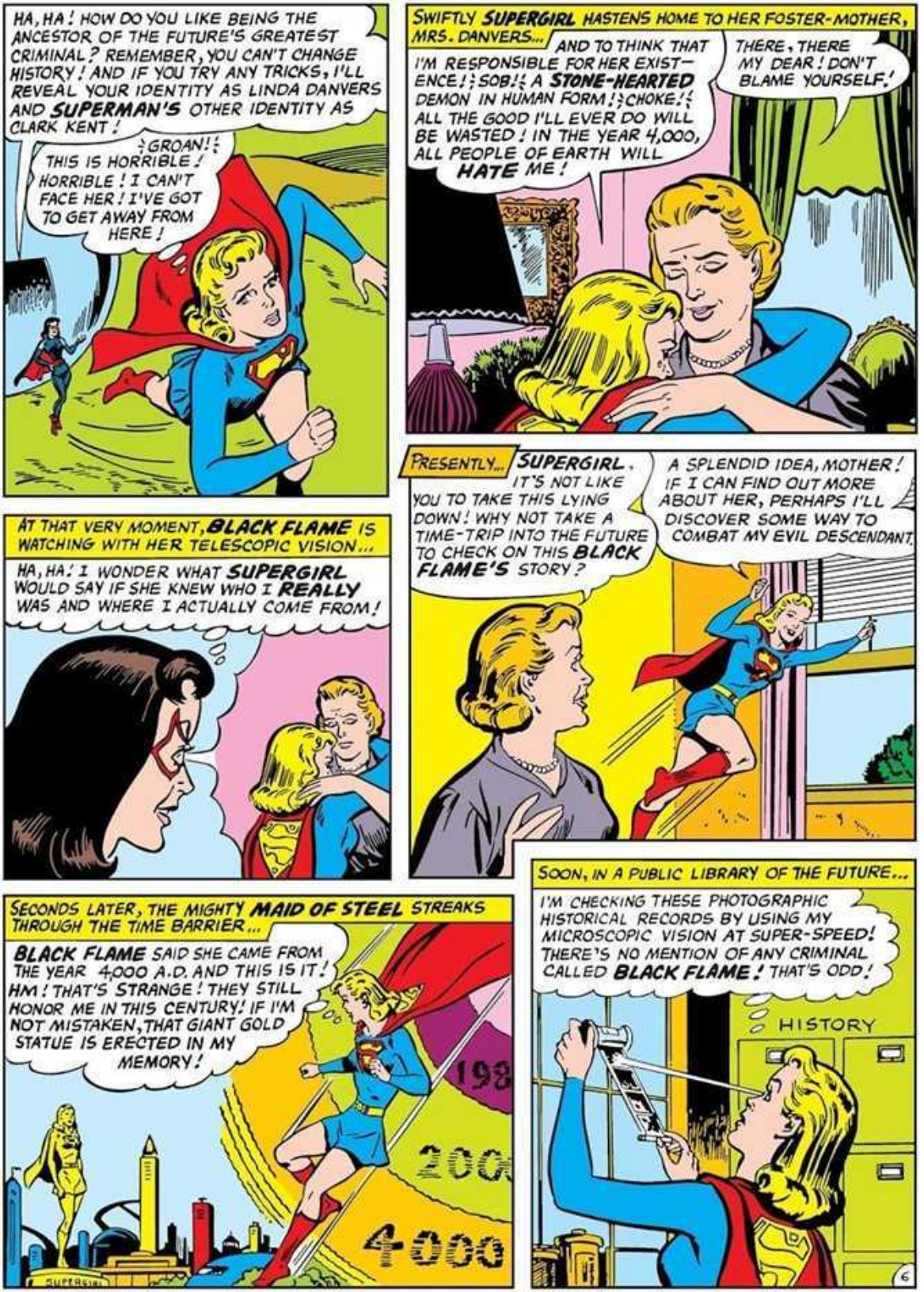
HA, HA! HOW DO YOU LIKE BEING THE ANCESTOR OF THE FUTURE'S GREATEST CRIMINAL? REMEMBER, YOU CAN'T CHANGE HISTORY! AND IF YOU TRY ANY TRICKS, I'LL REVEAL YOUR IDENTITY AS LINDA DANVERS AND SUPERMAN'S OTHER IDENTITY AS CLARK KENT!
:GROAN!: THIS IS HORRIBLE! HORRIBLE! I CAN'T FACE HER! I'VE GOT TO GET AWAY FROM HERE!
SWIFTLY SUPERGIRL HASTENS HOME TO HER FOSTER-MOTHER, MRS. DANVERS...
AND TO THINK THAT I'M RESPONSIBLE FOR HER EXISTENCE! :SOB!: A STONE-HEARTED DEMON IN HUMAN FORM! :CHOKE!: ALL THE GOOD I'LL EVER DO WILL BE WASTED! IN THE YEAR 4,000, ALL PEOPLE OF EARTH WILL HATE ME!
THERE, THERE MY DEAR! DON'T BLAME YOURSELF!
AT THAT VERY MOMENT, BLACK FLAME IS WATCHING WITH HER TELESCOPIC VISION...
HA, HA! I WONDER WHAT SUPERGIRL WOULD SAY IF SHE KNEW WHO I REALLY WAS AND WHERE I ACTUALLY COME FROM!
PRESENTLY... SUPERGIRL, IT'S NOT LIKE YOU TO TAKE THIS LYING DOWN! WHY NOT TAKE A TIME-TRIP INTO THE FUTURE TO CHECK ON THIS BLACK FLAME'S STORY?
A SPLENDID IDEA, MOTHER! IF I CAN FIND OUT MORE ABOUT HER, PERHAPS I'LL DISCOVER SOME WAY TO COMBAT MY EVIL DESCENDANT.
SECONDS LATER, THE MIGHTY MAID OF STEEL STREAKS THROUGH THE TIME BARRIER...
BLACK FLAME SAID SHE CAME FROM THE YEAR 4,000 A.D. AND THIS IS IT! HM! THAT'S STRANGE! THEY STILL HONOR ME IN THIS CENTURY! IF I'M NOT MISTAKEN, THAT GIANT GOLD STATUE IS ERECTED IN MY MEMORY!
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SUPERGIRL
SOON, IN A PUBLIC LIBRARY OF THE FUTURE...
I'M CHECKING THESE PHOTOGRAPHIC HISTORICAL RECORDS BY USING MY MICROSCOPIC VISION AT SUPER-SPEED! THERE'S NO MENTION OF ANY CRIMINAL CALLED BLACK FLAME! THAT'S ODD!
HISTORY
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BAFFLED, SUPERGIRL HURTLES BACK THROUGH TIME INTO THE PRESENT ...
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I WONDER IF THOSE RECORDS COULD BE INCOMPLETE? BLACK FLAME HAD TO COME FROM THE FUTURE! AFTER ALL, SHE KNEW MY SECRET IDENTITY AND SUPERMAN'S! STILL, I'VE GOT ANOTHER ANGLE I WANT TO CHECK!

WITH HER TELESCOPIC VISION, SHE LOCATES HER FRIEND, SUPER-HORSE...
COMET! WOULD YOU PLEASE USE YOUR TELEPATHIC POWERS TO READ BLACK FLAME'S MIND AND FIND OUT WHERE SHE COMES FROM!
I'LL TRY! LET ME CONCENTRATE! WAIT... I'M GETTING HER THOUGHT PATTERNS NOW!

NOW I'M GETTING AN IMPRESSION FROM HER THOUGHT WAVES! I SEE A PICTURE OF THE BOTTLE CITY OF KANDOR!
THAT COULD BE IT! YES, BLACK FLAME MIGHT BE FROM KANDOR! I'LL CHECK AT ONCE!

SWIFTLY, SHE FLASHES NORTHWARD TO SUPERMAN'S FORTRESS OF SOLITUDE...
LUCKILY KANDOR'S OFFICIALS KEEP A CLOSE CHECK ON THE WHEREABOUTS OF THEIR CITIZENS! I'M SURE THE CENSUS CHIEF WILL KNOW IF ANYONE IS MISSING!

INSIDE THE FORTRESS IS HOUSED THE CITY OF KANDOR, LONG AGO SHRUNKEN TO TINY SIZE AND SEALED IN A BOTTLE PRISON BY BRAINIAC, THE RUTHLESS SPACE-VILLAIN...
I'LL USE SUPERMAN'S REDUCING RAY* TO SHRINK ME INTO MICROSCOPIC SIZE! THIS TIMING DEVICE WILL REVERSE THE RAY'S ACTION SO THAT I CAN BECOME NORMAL AFTER I EMERGE FROM THE BOTTLE!
*A RARE ELEMENT ENERGIZES THIS RAY, SO IT CAN ONLY BE USED A LIMITED NUMBER OF TIMES.
Editor

PRESENTLY, A TINY FIGURE DRIFTS DOWN FROM THE OPEN MOUTH OF THE KANDORIAN BOTTLE...
I HAVE NO SUPER-POWERS IN KANDOR'S ENVIRONMENT, BUT THIS PARACHUTE WILL HELP LOWER ME TO THE CITY SAFELY...

AS SUPERGIRL SEARCHES KANDOR FOR THE CENSUS CHIEF...
I'M LOOKING FOR BAL-KORIN, THE CENSUS CHIEF!
HE'LL BE WITH YOU AS SOON AS I FIX HIS TEETH CAVITIES WITH THIS KRESS BEAM, WHICH CREATES A PERMALLOY FILLING! REMEMBER, HERE IN KANDOR NO ONE HAS SUPER-POWERS, AND WE GET TOOTHACHES LIKE NORMAL HUMANS ON EARTH!

LATER, AT THE CONTROL CENTER OF KANDOR'S CENSUS BUREAU...
THERE IS ONE KANDORIAN WHO MIGHT FIT YOUR DESCRIPTION OF BLACK FLAME! IT'S ZORA, A BRILLIANT SCIENTIST WHO WAS A FRIEND OF LESLA-LAR!
LESLA-LAR! HMM! SHE WAS A CLEVER CRIMINAL SCIENTIST WHO ESCAPED FROM THE BOTTLE!
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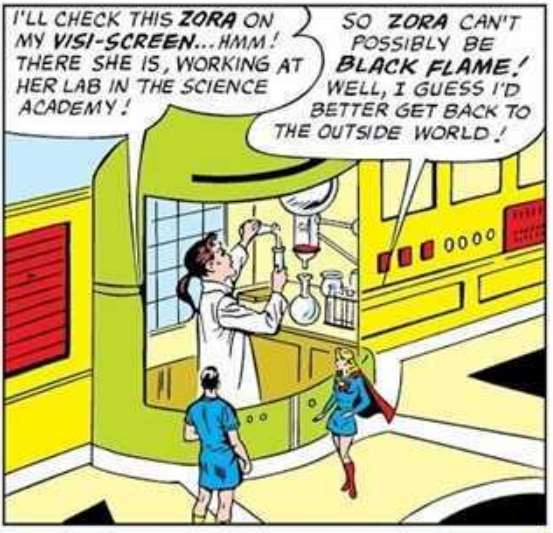
"LESLA-LAR USED HER SCIENTIFIC SKILLS TO FREE CONVICTED CONVICTS FROM THE PHANTOM ZONE! LATER, SHE WAS VAPORIZED WHEN ONE OF THE CRIMINALS WAS TESTING A DISINTEGRATION GUN!"


I'LL CHECK THIS ZORA ON MY VISI-SCREEN... HMM! THERE SHE IS, WORKING AT HER LAB IN THE SCIENCE ACADEMY!
SO ZORA CAN'T POSSIBLY BE BLACK FLAME! WELL, I GUESS I'D BETTER GET BACK TO THE OUTSIDE WORLD!

LATER, AS SUPERGIRL EMERGES FROM THE BOTTLE...
THAT PROVES BLACK FLAME DOESN'T COME FROM KANDOR EITHER! AS SOON AS THIS REVERSE RAY ENLARGES ME TO NORMAL SIZE, I'LL CHECK ANOTHER ANGLE!

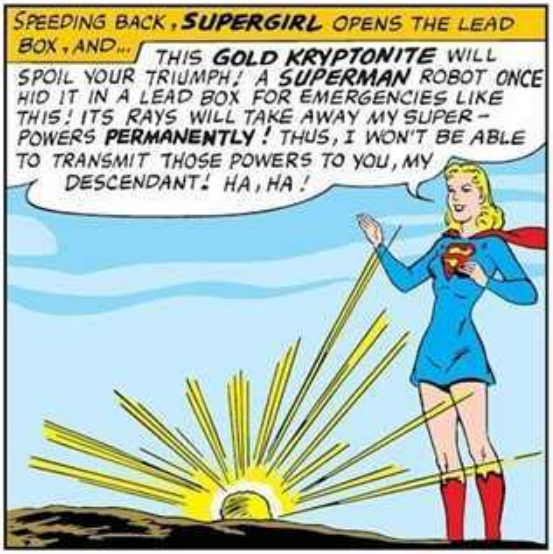
SOON, AS SUPERGIRL USES THE ZONE-O-PHONE WHICH COMMUNICATES WITH THE PHANTOM ZONE WHERE THE KRYPTON'S MOST DANGEROUS CRIMINALS ARE IMPRISONED...
ALL RIGHT, SUPERGIRL, WE SEE YOU! WHAT'S THE IDEA OF SNOOPING ON THE PHANTOM ZONE?
JUST MAKING A CHECK ON WOMEN PRISONERS!
HMM... ALL FEMALE PRISONERS ARE ACCOUNTED FOR! I GUESS THAT PROVES BLACK FLAME DOESN'T COME FROM THE PHANTOM ZONE, EITHER!

WE'VE BEEN WATCHING YOU FROM THE PHANTOM ZONE, SUPERGIRL! BLACK FLAME IS MAKING A FOOL OF YOU, AND THERE'S NOTHING YOU CAN DO ABOUT IT! ANYONE KNOWS YOU CAN'T CHANGE HISTORY!
THEY'RE RIGHT! FUTURE CENTURIES WILL DESPISE THE VERY MENTION OF MY NAME!

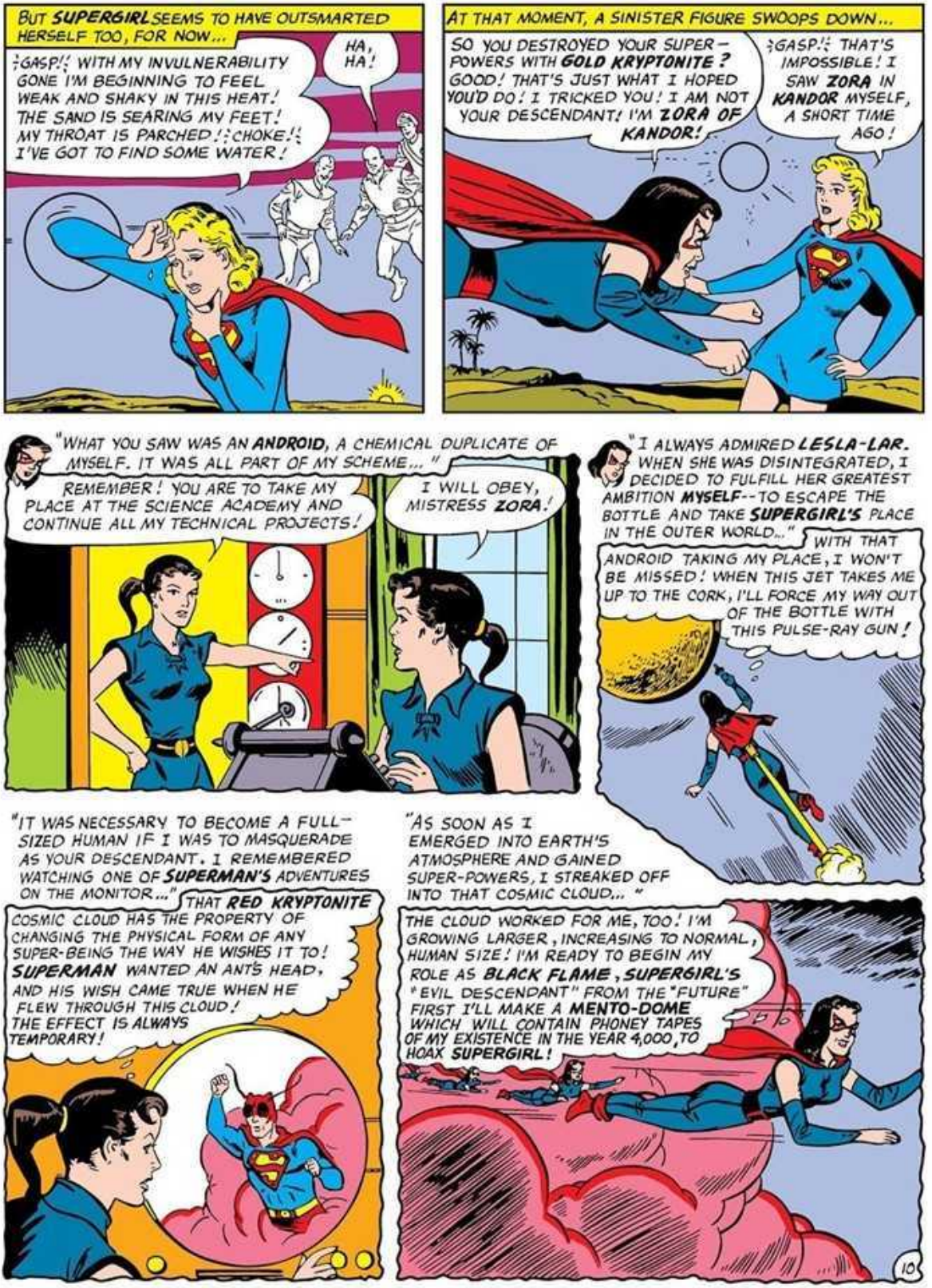
BAFFLED, SUPERGIRL SPEEDS SOUTHWARD FROM THE FORTRESS...
COMET WAS WRONG! BLACK FLAME DIDN'T COME FROM KANDOR, OR FROM THE PHANTOM ZONE! GULP! I'D BETTER CHECK ON THAT TROUBLEMAKER! SHE MAY HAVE PLANNED SOME OTHER EVIL DEED WHILE I WAS IN THE BOTTLE!

SHORTLY, OUT IN THE DESERT...
I'VE BEEN WATCHING YOU CHECK ON ME! CAN'T STAND THE IDEA OF BEING THE ANCESTOR OF THE WORST CRIMINAL THAT EVER WALKED ON THIS EARTH, CAN YOU?
YOU HAVEN'T BEATEN ME YET! SOMEHOW, I'LL FOIL YOUR PLANS!... WAIT--I'VE AN IDEA!

STREAKING OUT TO SEA, SUPERGIRL PLUNGES BENEATH THE WAVES, AND WHEN SHE EMERGES...
BLACK FLAME, I KNOW YOU'RE WATCHING ME, AND I'M GLAD OF IT! BECAUSE I'VE FINALLY FOUND A WAY TO ELIMINATE YOU AS A SUPER-MENACE OF THE FUTURE! IT'S IN THIS LEAD BOX!


SPEEDING BACK, SUPERGIRL OPENS THE LEAD BOX, AND...
THIS GOLD KRYPTONITE WILL SPOIL YOUR TRIUMPH! A SUPERMAN ROBOT ONCE HID IT IN A LEAD BOX FOR EMERGENCIES LIKE THIS! ITS RAYS WILL TAKE AWAY MY SUPER-POWERS PERMANENTLY! THUS, I WON'T BE ABLE TO TRANSMIT THOSE POWERS TO YOU, MY DESCENDANT! HA, HA!

ARE YOU WATCHING, BLACK FLAME? LOOK! MY SUPER-POWERS HAVE BEEN DESTROYED! I HAVEN'T EVEN THE STRENGTH TO LIFT THIS BOULDER! THAT MEANS YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO INHERIT MY POWERS IN THE FUTURE!
SHE'S OUTFOXED BLACK FLAME!


BUT SUPERGIRL SEEMS TO HAVE OUTSMARTED HERSELF TOO, FOR NOW...
HA, HA!
GASP! WITH MY INVULNERABILITY GONE I'M BEGINNING TO FEEL WEAK AND SHAKY IN THIS HEAT! THE SAND IS SEARING MY FEET! MY THROAT IS PARCHED! CHOKE! I'VE GOT TO FIND SOME WATER!
AT THAT MOMENT, A SINISTER FIGURE SWOOPS DOWN...
SO YOU DESTROYED YOUR SUPER-POWERS WITH GOLD KRYPTONITE? GOOD! THAT'S JUST WHAT I HOPED YOU'D DO! I TRICKED YOU! I AM NOT YOUR DESCENDANT! I'M ZORA OF KANDOR!
GASP! THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE! I SAW ZORA IN KANDOR MYSELF, A SHORT TIME AGO!
"WHAT YOU SAW WAS AN ANDROID, A CHEMICAL DUPLICATE OF MYSELF. IT WAS ALL PART OF MY SCHEME..."
REMEMBER! YOU ARE TO TAKE MY PLACE AT THE SCIENCE ACADEMY AND CONTINUE ALL MY TECHNICAL PROJECTS!
I WILL OBEY, MISTRESS ZORA!
"I ALWAYS ADMIRED LESLA-LAR. WHEN SHE WAS DISINTEGRATED, I DECIDED TO FULFILL HER GREATEST AMBITION MYSELF--TO ESCAPE THE BOTTLE AND TAKE SUPERGIRL'S PLACE IN THE OUTER WORLD..."
WITH THAT ANDROID TAKING MY PLACE, I WON'T BE MISSED! WHEN THIS JET TAKES ME UP TO THE CORK, I'LL FORCE MY WAY OUT OF THE BOTTLE WITH THIS PULSE-RAY GUN!
"IT WAS NECESSARY TO BECOME A FULL-SIZED HUMAN IF I WAS TO MASQUERADE AS YOUR DESCENDANT. I REMEMBERED WATCHING ONE OF SUPERMAN'S ADVENTURES ON THE MONITOR..."
THAT RED KRYPTONITE COSMIC CLOUD HAS THE PROPERTY OF CHANGING THE PHYSICAL FORM OF ANY SUPER-BEING THE WAY HE WISHES IT TO! SUPERMAN WANTED AN ANT'S HEAD, AND HIS WISH CAME TRUE WHEN HE FLEW THROUGH THIS CLOUD! THE EFFECT IS ALWAYS TEMPORARY!
"AS SOON AS I EMERGED INTO EARTH'S ATMOSPHERE AND GAINED SUPER-POWERS, I STREAKED OFF INTO THAT COSMIC CLOUD... "
THE CLOUD WORKED FOR ME, TOO! I'M GROWING LARGER, INCREASING TO NORMAL, HUMAN SIZE! I'M READY TO BEGIN MY ROLE AS BLACK FLAME, SUPERGIRL'S "EVIL DESCENDANT" FROM THE "FUTURE" FIRST I'LL MAKE A MENTO-DOME WHICH WILL CONTAIN PHONEY TAPES OF MY EXISTENCE IN THE YEAR 4,000, TO HOAX SUPERGIRL!
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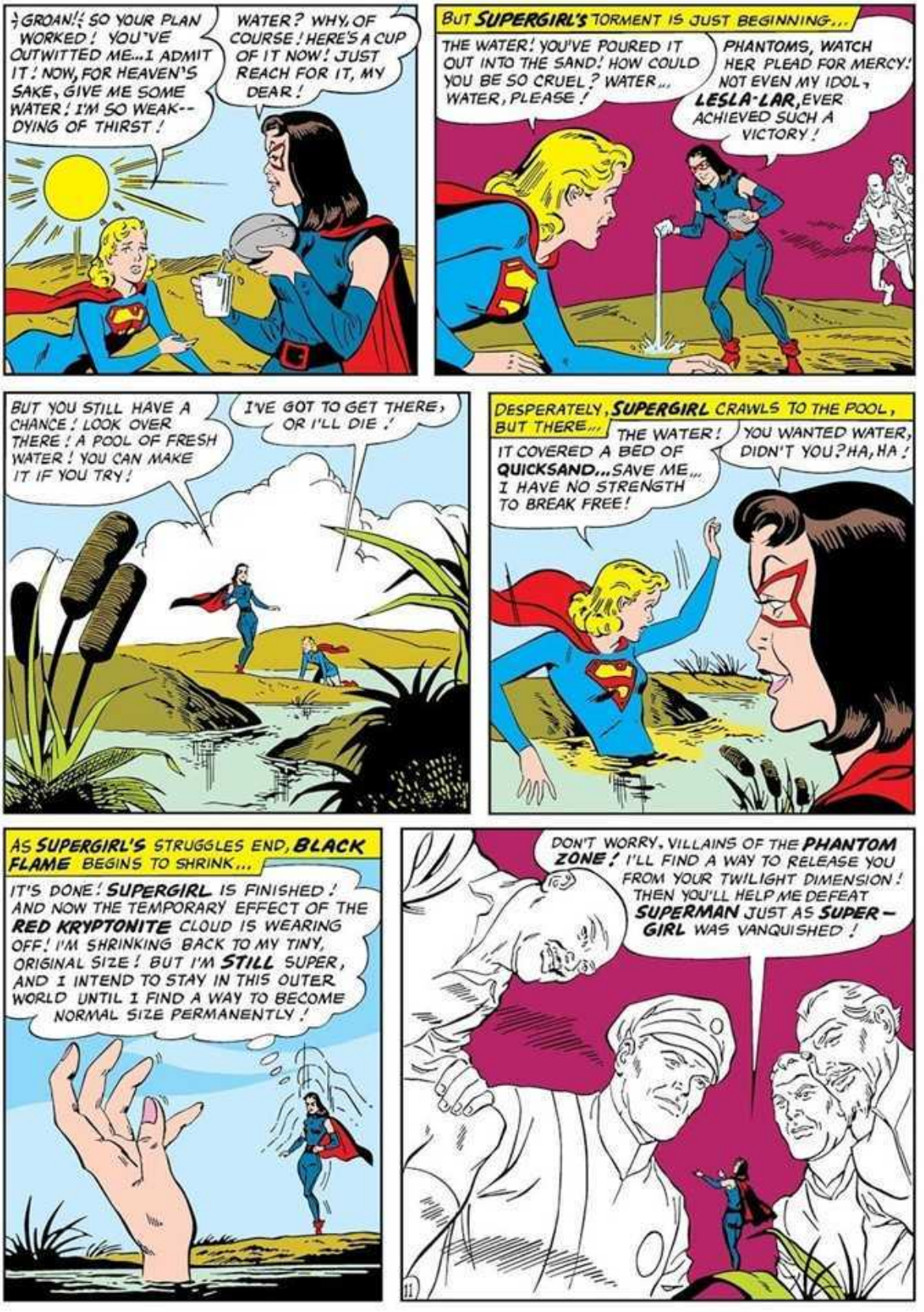
GROAN! SO YOUR PLAN WORKED! YOU'VE OUTWITTED ME...I ADMIT IT! NOW, FOR HEAVEN'S SAKE, GIVE ME SOME WATER! I'M SO WEAK--DYING OF THIRST!
WATER? WHY, OF COURSE! HERE'S A CUP OF IT NOW! JUST REACH FOR IT, MY DEAR!
BUT SUPERGIRL'S TORMENT IS JUST BEGINNING...
THE WATER! YOU'VE POURED IT OUT INTO THE SAND! HOW COULD YOU BE SO CRUEL? WATER... WATER, PLEASE!
PHANTOMS, WATCH HER PLEAD FOR MERCY! NOT EVEN MY IDOL, LESLA-LAR, EVER ACHIEVED SUCH A VICTORY!
BUT YOU STILL HAVE A CHANCE! LOOK OVER THERE! A POOL OF FRESH WATER! YOU CAN MAKE IT IF YOU TRY!
I'VE GOT TO GET THERE, OR I'LL DIE!
DESPERATELY, SUPERGIRL CRAWLS TO THE POOL, BUT THERE...
THE WATER! IT COVERED A BED OF QUICKSAND...SAVE ME... I HAVE NO STRENGTH TO BREAK FREE!
YOU WANTED WATER, DIDN'T YOU? HA, HA!
AS SUPERGIRL'S STRUGGLES END, BLACK FLAME BEGINS TO SHRINK...
IT'S DONE! SUPERGIRL IS FINISHED! AND NOW THE TEMPORARY EFFECT OF THE RED KRYPTONITE CLOUD IS WEARING OFF! I'M SHRINKING BACK TO MY TINY, ORIGINAL SIZE! BUT I'M STILL SUPER, AND I INTEND TO STAY IN THIS OUTER WORLD UNTIL I FIND A WAY TO BECOME NORMAL SIZE PERMANENTLY!
DON'T WORRY, VILLAINS OF THE PHANTOM ZONE! I'LL FIND A WAY TO RELEASE YOU FROM YOUR TWILIGHT DIMENSION! THEN YOU'LL HELP ME DEFEAT SUPERMAN JUST AS SUPER-GIRL WAS VANQUISHED!
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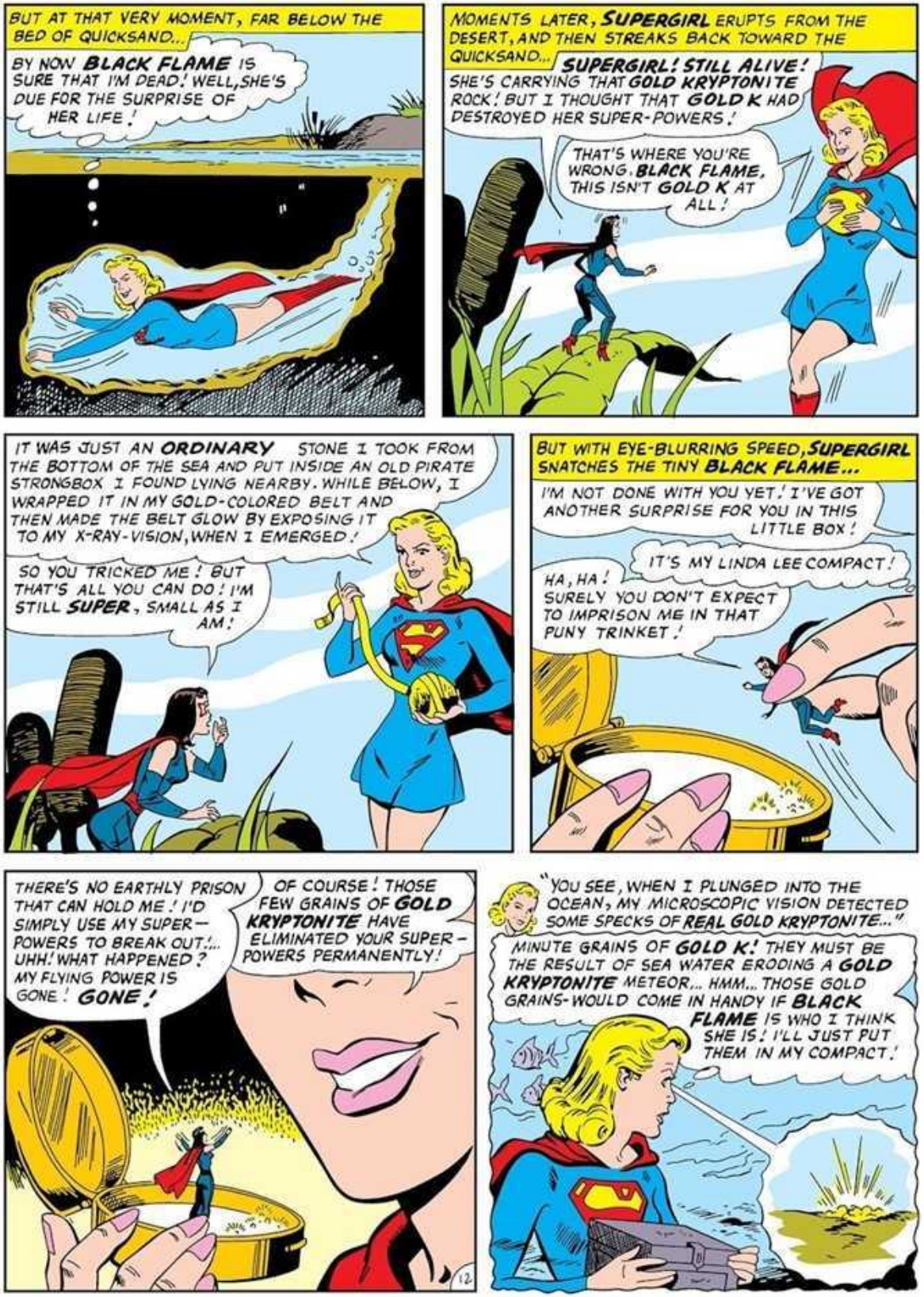
BUT AT THAT VERY MOMENT, FAR BELOW THE BED OF QUICKSAND...
BY NOW BLACK FLAME IS SURE THAT I'M DEAD! WELL, SHE'S DUE FOR THE SURPRISE OF HER LIFE!
MOMENTS LATER, SUPERGIRL ERUPTS FROM THE DESERT, AND THEN STREAKS BACK TOWARD THE QUICKSAND...
SUPERGIRL! STILL ALIVE! SHE'S CARRYING THAT GOLD KRYPTONITE ROCK! BUT I THOUGHT THAT GOLD K HAD DESTROYED HER SUPER-POWERS!
THAT'S WHERE YOU'RE WRONG, BLACK FLAME, THIS ISN'T GOLD K AT ALL!
IT WAS JUST AN ORDINARY STONE I TOOK FROM THE BOTTOM OF THE SEA AND PUT INSIDE AN OLD PIRATE STRONGBOX I FOUND LYING NEARBY. WHILE BELOW, I WRAPPED IT IN MY GOLD-COLORED BELT AND THEN MADE THE BELT GLOW BY EXPOSING IT TO MY X-RAY-VISION, WHEN I EMERGED!
SO YOU TRICKED ME! BUT THAT'S ALL YOU CAN DO! I'M STILL SUPER, SMALL AS I AM!
BUT WITH EYE-BLURRING SPEED, SUPERGIRL SNATCHES THE TINY BLACK FLAME...
I'M NOT DONE WITH YOU YET! I'VE GOT ANOTHER SURPRISE FOR YOU IN THIS LITTLE BOX!
IT'S MY LINDA LEE COMPACT!
HA, HA! SURELY YOU DON'T EXPECT TO IMPRISON ME IN THAT PUNY TRINKET!
THERE'S NO EARTHLY PRISON THAT CAN HOLD ME! I'D SIMPLY USE MY SUPER-POWERS TO BREAK OUT!... UHH! WHAT HAPPENED? MY FLYING POWER IS GONE! GONE!
OF COURSE! THOSE FEW GRAINS OF GOLD KRYPTONITE HAVE ELIMINATED YOUR SUPER-POWERS PERMANENTLY!
"YOU SEE, WHEN I PLUNGED INTO THE OCEAN, MY MICROSCOPIC VISION DETECTED SOME SPECKS OF REAL GOLD KRYPTONITE..."
MINUTE GRAINS OF GOLD K! THEY MUST BE THE RESULT OF SEA WATER ERODING A GOLD KRYPTONITE METEOR... HMM... THOSE GOLD GRAINS WOULD COME IN HANDY IF BLACK FLAME IS WHO I THINK SHE IS! I'LL JUST PUT THEM IN MY COMPACT!
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THOSE KRYPTONITE GRAINS WERE TOO SMALL TO AFFECT ME, BUT WERE ENOUGH TO ERASE YOUR SUPER-POWERS WHEN YOU BECAME TINY AGAIN!
SORRY TO UPSET YOUR PLANS, PHANTOM ZONE ROGUES! BUT I HAD THE LAST LAUGH! I'M TAKING BLACK FLAME BACK TO KANDOR FOR PUNISHMENT!

AFTER ZORA IS RETURNED, SUPERGIRL CONTACTS THE KANDOR POLICE...
BLACK FLAME WILL BE PUNISHED, BUT WE STILL DON'T SEE HOW YOU FIGURED OUT SHE WAS REALLY THE KANDORIAN SCIENTIST, ZORA!
IT HAPPENED WHEN SHE WAS LAUGHING AT ME BECAUSE OF MY SEEMING DISGRACE!

"YOU SEE, WHEN SHE OPENED HER MOUTH TO LAUGH, I ACCIDENTALLY GLIMPSED THE GLITTER OF METAL IN HER TEETH..."
A DENTAL-FILLING!
THEN SHE CAN'T BE MY SUPER-DESCENDANT FROM THE FUTURE, OR HER TEETH WOULD BE INVULNERABLE TO DRILLING! SHE MUST BE ZORA, THE SCIENTIST FROM KANDOR!
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ONCE MORE SUPERGIRL HAS TRIUMPHED OVER EVIL! BUT AS ZORA IS DRAGGED AWAY...
ALL RIGHT, SUPERGIRL, YOU OUTWITTED ME THIS TIME, BUT I'LL EVEN THE SCORE SOME DAY! JUST WAIT!
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CAN THE PRISONS OF KANDOR HOLD ZORA FOR LONG? WILL THIS SUPER-GENIUS OF CRIME ESCAPE? WILL SHE EVER AGAIN MATCH WITS WITH SUPERGIRL? WATCH FUTURE ISSUES OF ACTION COMICS!

SUPERGIRL

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THERE! THAT'S WHAT I THINK OF YOU, SUPERGIRL! LET THE REST OF THE WORLD CHEER FOR YOU! BUT I'LL HATE AND DESPISE YOU UNTIL THE DAY I DIE!
MIDVALE CELEBRATES SUPERGIRL WEEK
MAY 11 TO MAY 18
GREAT KRYPTON! EVERYONE ELSE IN MIDVALE IS MY FRIEND! YET KAREN BLAIR TREATS ME AS IF I COMMITTED SOME TERRIBLE CRIME AGAINST HER! WHY? WHY?
AS THE WORLD'S GREATEST HEROINE, SUPERGIRL IS HONORED AND ADMIRED THROUGHOUT THE EARTH! YET, IN THE HEART OF MIDVALE, HER HOME TOWN, THERE IS SOMEONE WHO SCORNS AND DESPISES THE VERY NAME OF THE MAID OF STEEL! WHY SHOULD ANYONE BEAR SUCH MALICE AGAINST ONE WHO IS SO BELOVED BY ALL? WHAT BITTER GRUDGE, WHAT TERRIBLE WRONG, HAS TWISTED THE EMOTIONS OF —
The GIRL who HATED SUPERGIRL!
ONE DAY IN MIDVALE, AS LINDA LEE DANVERS, SECRETLY SUPERGIRL, GOES RIDING WITH DICK MALVERNE...
WE'LL HAVE TO HURRY BACK SOON, LINDA! I WANT TO BE ON TIME FOR THE CELEBRATION!
ALL RIGHT, DICK!
HA, HA! HE'D FLIP IF HE KNEW THAT HE WAS RIDING SIDE BY SIDE WITH SUPERGIRL RIGHT NOW!
MIDVALE SUPERGIRL WEEK
OPENING CEREMONY MAY 11TH AT 12 NOON
SUDDENLY, LINDA'S TELESCOPIC VISION SPOTS TROUBLE ON A NEARBY RIVER...
GOOD GRIEF! THE GIRL IN THAT CANOE — SHE'S TRAPPED IN THAT SWIFT RIVER CURRENT! SHE'LL BE WASHED OVER THE FALLS!

I'LL HAVE TO CHANGE TO SUPERGIRL TO SAVE HER! BUT FIRST I MUST GET RID OF DICK...WAIT, I HAVE IT!
LINDA, WAIT! THAT SHRUBBERY IS TOO HIGH! YOU'LL NEVER MAKE IT!
COME ON, DICK, LET'S SEE IF WE CAN JUMP OVER THAT HEDGE-ROW!
BUT TO DICK'S AMAZEMENT...
DICK DOESN'T REALIZE THAT I'M GRIPPING THE SADDLE WITH ONE HAND AND LIFTING MY HORSE OVER THE HEDGES! HIS HORSE CAN'T FOLLOW!
;GASP!; WHAT A SUPERB JUMP! I CAN'T BELIEVE MY EYES!
RACING AHEAD, LINDA DUCKS INTO SOME SHELTERING BUSHES AND SWITCHES TO HER SUPERGIRL IDENTITY...
IT'S KAREN BLAIR--SHE AND HER MOTHER RUN A BOAT-RENTING CONCESSION ON THE RIVER! I'VE GOT TO GET TO HER FAST!
BUT TO SUPERGIRL'S SURPRISE...
ALL RIGHT, I'VE GOT YOU! MADE IT JUST IN TIME!
SUPERGIRL! GET AWAY FROM ME! I DON'T WANT YOUR HELP! I CAN TAKE CARE OF MYSELF!
AS SUPERGIRL COMPLETES THE RESCUE...
NO! NO! PUT ME DOWN! DON'T YOU DARE TRY TO HELP ME!
CALM YOURSELF! DON'T PANIC!
POOR KAREN IS HYSTERICAL WITH FEAR! I'LL HELP HER IN SPITE OF HERSELF!
AND SHORTLY, ON THE RIVER BANK...
IF YOU'RE WAITING FOR MY THANKS, FORGET IT, SUPERGIRL! I DIDN'T ASK YOU TO SAVE ME! NOW GO AWAY PLEASE!
ALL RIGHT, IF THAT'S THE WAY YOU FEEL...
I SAVED HER FROM CERTAIN DEATH, YET KAREN IS GIVING ME THE COLD SHOULDER! I WONDER WHY?
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LATER, AS SUPERGIRL RESUMES HER LINDA LEE DANVERS IDENTITY...
KAREN'S INGRATITUDE IS PROBABLY DUE TO SOME KIND OF PETTY GIRLISH JEALOUSY! I'D BETTER FINISH CHANGING! HERE COMES DICK!
LINDA, WHERE ARE YOU?
THAT AFTERNOON, AS LINDA GOES SHOPPING WITH HER FOSTER-MOTHER, MRS. DANVERS...
EVERYONE IN MIDVALE IS CELEBRATING THE ANNIVERSARY OF YOUR ARRIVAL ON EARTH! HOW I'D LOVE TO TELL THEM ALL THAT MY LOVELY DAUGHTER, LINDA, IS REALLY SUPERGIRL! I'M SO PROUD OF YOU, DEAR!
AND I'M PROUD TO HAVE YOU FOR MY MOTHER! BUT IT'S IMPORTANT TO KEEP MY OTHER IDENTITY A SECRET!
SUPERGIRL WEEK
MIDVALE GREETS SUPERGIRL
THE CROWDS PRESENT A PARKING PROBLEM, BUT...
ALL RIGHT, LINDA! THERE'S NOT A SOUL IN SIGHT!
GOOD! I'LL JUST USE MY SUPER-STRENGTH TO LIFT THE CAR INTO THIS TIGHT SPOT!
SOON, AT THE MIDVALE SUPERMARKET...
GULP! THEY DON'T KNOW IT, BUT THE SUPERGIRL THAT THEY ARE HONORING WAS RAISED IN MIDVALE ORPHANAGE AS LINDA LEE!
TO CELEBRATE SUPERGIRL WEEK, THIS MARKET WILL GIVE AWAY FREE ... A STATUETTE OF SUPERGIRL WITH EACH $5 PURCHASE. PROFITS TO GO TO THE MIDVALE ORPHANAGE
FROZEN FOOD
AS THE SHOPPERS COLLECT THEIR SOUVENIRS...
ISN'T IT BEAUTIFUL! SHE'S MY IDEAL!
IT'S WONDERFUL TO HAVE SO MANY FRIENDS AND ADMIRERS! I FEEL ALL CHOKED UP!
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ROZEN
BREAD
BUT JUST THEN...
WAIT, MISS! YOU FORGOT YOUR SOUVENIR SUPERGIRL
I DIDN'T FORGET IT! I WOULDN'T TOUCH THAT THING WITH A TEN-FOOT POLE!
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IT'S KAREN BLAIR, THE GIRL I SAVED FROM THE WATERFALL! YET SHE DETESTS SUPERGIRL SO MUCH, SHE REFUSED TO ACCEPT THAT FREE STATUETTE! I MUST FIND OUT WHAT GRUDGE SHE HAS AGAINST ME!
THAT AFTERNOON, AS SUPERGIRL TAKES PART IN THE FESTIVITIES...
...AND TO HELP CELEBRATE THE ANNIVERSARY OF HER ARRIVAL ON EARTH, SUPERGIRL WILL GIVE A FREE SUPER-FLIGHT THROUGH THE AIR TO SOME LUCKY CITIZEN OF MIDVALE!
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THIS DRUM CONTAINS THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF EVERYONE LIVING IN MIDVALE, TAKEN FROM THE TOWN DIRECTORY SUPERGIRL WILL PICK THE WINNER FROM THE SLIPS INSIDE!
OH, OH! THERE'S KAREN BLAIR ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF THE CROWD! SHE'S LOOKING DAGGERS AT ME! HMM! THERE'S ONE WAY TO SOLVE THIS MYSTERY!
AS SUPERGIRL PUTS HER HAND INTO THE DRUM...
I'LL SELECT KAREN'S SLIP BY MEANS OF MY X-RAY VISION! PERHAPS THE THRILL OF A RIDE THROUGH THE AIR WITH SUPERGIRL WILL SOFTEN HER UP ENOUGH SO SHE'LL TELL ME WHY SHE HATES ME SO!
KAREN BLAIR
7 RIVER EDGE RD.
MIDVALE
BUT AS THE WINNER IS ANNOUNCED...
AND THE LUCKY LADY IS KAREN BLAIR! WILL MISS BLAIR PLEASE COME TO THE PLATFORM?
NO! NO! NEVER! I'LL HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH SUPERGIRL! I'M GETTING OUT OF HERE!
MIDVALE CELEBRATES SUPERGIRL WEEK
THERE GOES KAREN BLAIR NOW! SHE'S DRIVING AWAY! HA, HA! PERHAPS THE YOUNG LADY IS SHY!
DON'T WORRY! I'LL CATCH UP WITH HER! GOODBYE FOR NOW, FOLKS!
WONDER WHAT THEY'D SAY IF THEY ALL KNEW THAT KAREN HATES ME? I MUST FIND OUT WHY! AND I'M GOING TO DO IT RIGHT NOW!
ALE CELEBRATES
GIRL WEEK

ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF TOWN..
SHE'S HEADING TOWARD HER HOME NEAR THE RIVER!
KAREN... WAIT... I WANT TO TALK TO YOU!
NO...GET AWAY FROM ME! LEAVE ME ALONE! I DON'T WANT ANYTHING TO DO WITH YOU, SUPERGIRL!
SUDDENLY THE CAR GOES OUT OF CONTROL, BUT AS SUPERGIRL TRIES TO SAVE IT...
KEEP AWAY! I WANT NO HELP FROM YOU! I'LL JUMP IF YOU COME NEAR ME!
GASP!! THE POOR GIRL MUST BE HYSTERICAL WITH FEAR! I'LL TRY TO BREAK HER FALL WITHOUT COMING NEAR THE CAR!
WITH A PUFF OF HER SUPER-BREATH, THE MAID OF STEEL CUSHIONS THE FALL...
MY SUPER-BREATH BOUNCED OFF THE BASE OF THE CLIFF AND LOWERED THE CAR GENTLY TO EARTH!
BY COINCIDENCE, KAREN'S CAR HAS LANDED CLOSE TO HER HOME...
WHY MUST YOU KEEP INTERFERING IN MY LIFE? I DON'T WANT TO BE INDEBTED TO YOU! I'D RATHER DIE THAN BE SAVED BY YOU, SUPERGIRL!
BUT WHY DO YOU HATE ME SO, KAREN? HOW HAVE I EVER HARMED YOU?
YOU KILLED MY FATHER-- RUINED MY FAMILY! AND LOOK THERE! MY BROTHER PHIL...CRIPPLED FOR LIFE-- ALL BECAUSE OF YOU!
KAREN! HOW CAN YOU BLAME ME FOR ALL THESE TRAGEDIES? I COULDN'T HAVE DONE THESE THINGS! YOU MUST BE MISTAKEN!
"IT'S THE TRUTH! YEARS AGO MY FATHER WAS AN ASTRONOMER! HE WAS CARRYING ON IMPORTANT EXPERIMENTS IN HIS OBSERVATORY OUTSIDE OF MIDVALE..."
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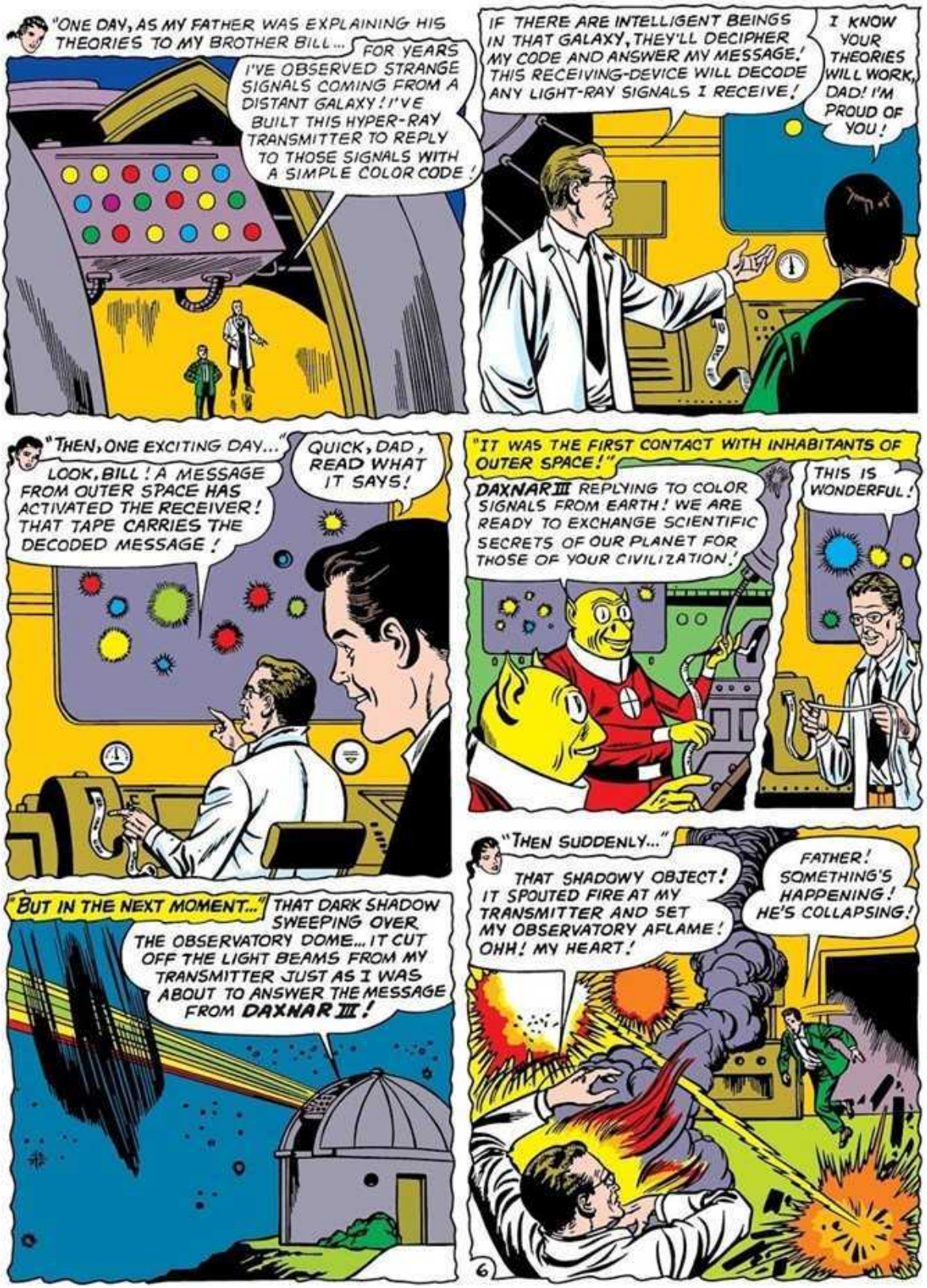
"ONE DAY, AS MY FATHER WAS EXPLAINING HIS THEORIES TO MY BROTHER BILL...
FOR YEARS I'VE OBSERVED STRANGE SIGNALS COMING FROM A DISTANT GALAXY! I'VE BUILT THIS HYPER-RAY TRANSMITTER TO REPLY TO THOSE SIGNALS WITH A SIMPLE COLOR CODE!
IF THERE ARE INTELLIGENT BEINGS IN THAT GALAXY, THEY'LL DECIPHER MY CODE AND ANSWER MY MESSAGE! THIS RECEIVING-DEVICE WILL DECODE ANY LIGHT-RAY SIGNALS I RECEIVE!
I KNOW YOUR THEORIES WILL WORK, DAD! I'M PROUD OF YOU!
"THEN, ONE EXCITING DAY..."
LOOK, BILL! A MESSAGE FROM OUTER SPACE HAS ACTIVATED THE RECEIVER! THAT TAPE CARRIES THE DECODED MESSAGE!
QUICK, DAD, READ WHAT IT SAYS!
"IT WAS THE FIRST CONTACT WITH INHABITANTS OF OUTER SPACE!"
DAXNAR III REPLYING TO COLOR SIGNALS FROM EARTH! WE ARE READY TO EXCHANGE SCIENTIFIC SECRETS OF OUR PLANET FOR THOSE OF YOUR CIVILIZATION!
THIS IS WONDERFUL!
"BUT IN THE NEXT MOMENT..."
THAT DARK SHADOW SWEEPING OVER THE OBSERVATORY DOME... IT CUT OFF THE LIGHT BEAMS FROM MY TRANSMITTER JUST AS I WAS ABOUT TO ANSWER THE MESSAGE FROM DAXNAR III!
"THEN SUDDENLY..."
THAT SHADOWY OBJECT! IT SPOUTED FIRE AT MY TRANSMITTER AND SET MY OBSERVATORY AFLAME! OHH! MY HEART!
FATHER! SOMETHING'S HAPPENING! HE'S COLLAPSING!
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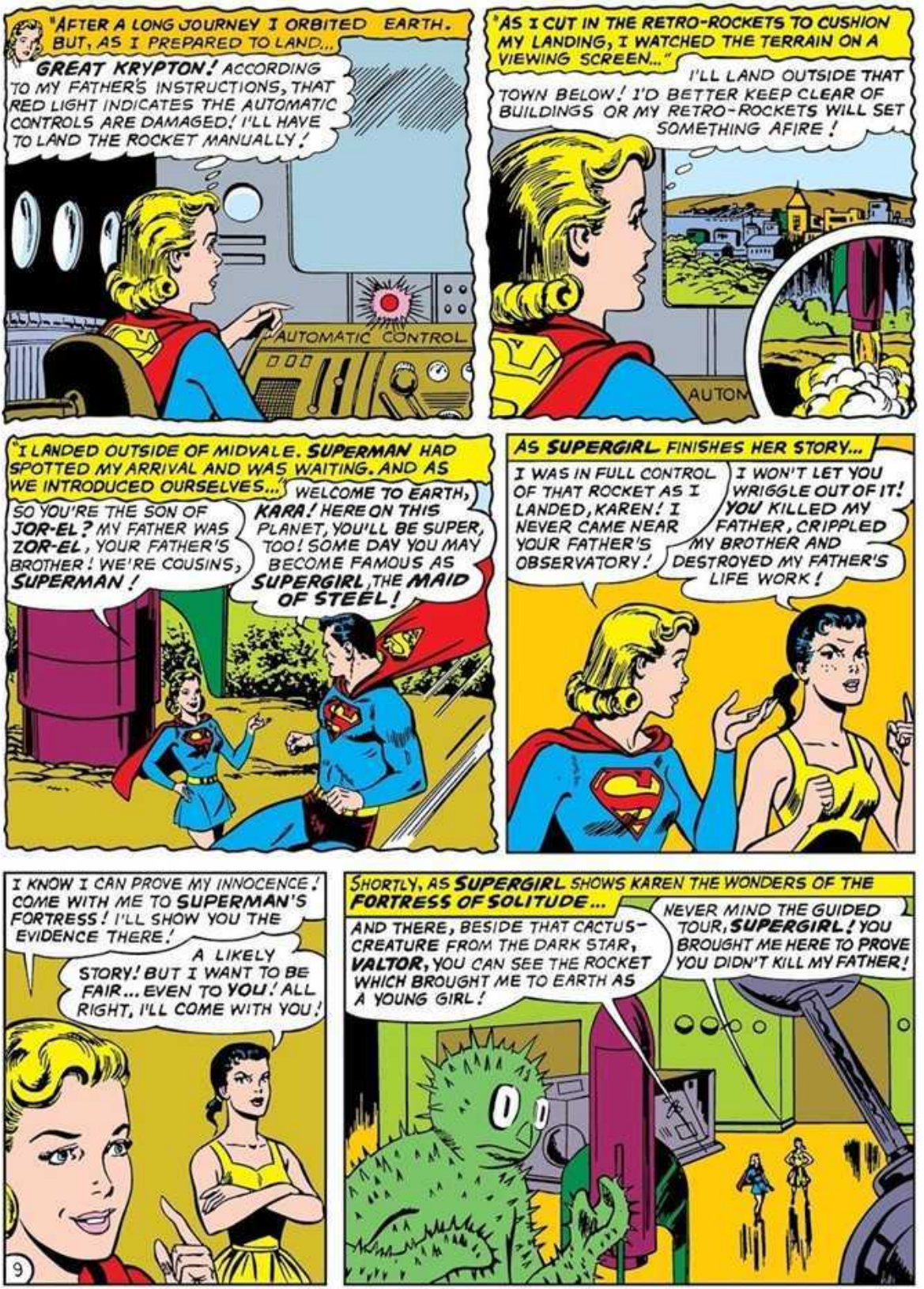
"IT WAS A FATAL HEART ATTACK..."
THAT HEAVY BEAM STRUCK ME! CAN'T MOVE... SOMETHING'S GONE WRONG WITH MY LEGS!
YES, MY BROTHER WAS CRIPPLED! MY FATHER WAS KILLED AND HIS LIFE WORK DESTROYED! AND YOU WERE THE ONE WHO DID IT!
BUT, KAREN! I KNOW NOTHING ABOUT ANY OF THIS! HOW CAN YOU HOLD ME RESPONSIBLE?
HERE, READ THE DATE ON THESE NEWS CLIPPINGS! ONE OF THEM REPORTS MY FATHER'S DEATH! THE OTHER TELLS ABOUT MIDVALE'S SUPERGIRL WEEK CEREMONIES!
WHAT AN ODD COINCIDENCE. YOUR FATHER WAS KILLED THE VERY DAY I ARRIVED ON EARTH!
MAY 18TH, 1959 ASTRONOMER KILLED IN MYSTERY FIRE
BLAIR OBSERVATORY DESTROYED.
MIDVALE CELEBRATES ANNIVERSARY OF SUPERGIRL'S ARRIVAL ON EARTH... MAY 18TH, 1959.
DON'T PRETEND INNOCENCE! IT WAS YOUR ROCKET THAT PASSED OVER MY FATHER'S OBSERVATORY! THE FUMES FROM YOUR JETS SET HIS EQUIPMENT AFIRE! YOU'RE RESPONSIBLE FOR MY FATHER'S DEATH!
KAREN, IT COULDN'T HAVE HAPPENED THAT WAY! LET ME EXPLAIN WHY I KNOW THAT! I'LL START FROM THE BEGINNING!
"IT ALL BEGAN LONG AGO, WHEN THE PLANET KRYPTON BLEW UP, JUST AS THE KRYPTONIAN SCIENTIST JOR-EL AND HIS WIFE LARA SENT THEIR INFANT SON, KAL-EL, TOWARD EARTH IN A ROCKET..."
ED. NOTE: LITTLE KAL-EL GREW UP TO BECOME THE MIGHTY SUPERMAN!
"BUT AS KRYPTON SHATTERED, A LARGE CHUNK OF THE PLANET WAS HURLED AWAY. IT CONTAINED ARGO CITY A LARGE BUBBLE OF AIR CAME ALONG WITH IT, THUS ENABLING THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY TO LIVE..."
WITH THE AIR SUPPLY AND OUR FOOD-MAKING MACHINES, WE'LL BE ABLE TO SURVIVE IN SPACE!

"BUT THE EXPLOSION HAD MADE THE GROUND BENEATH ARGO CITY RADIOACTIVE! HOWEVER, MY FATHER, ZOR-EL, CAME UP WITH THE ANSWER..."
QUICKLY! UNROLL THIS SHEET-LEAD FROM MY LABORATORY! IT WILL BLOCK THE RADIATIONS, ENABLING OUR PEOPLE TO LIVE!
"IT WAS SEVERAL YEARS AFTERWARD THAT I, KARA, WAS BORN. BUT ONE DAY, AS I GREW INTO GIRLHOOD, TRAGEDY STRUCK..."
INTO THE HOUSE, KARA! A METEOR SWARM IS SMASHING HOLES IN THE LEAD SHIELD, THUS RELEASING THE FATAL RADIATIONS! WE'RE ALL DOOMED!
"RACING DESPERATELY AGAINST TIME, MY FATHER BUILT A SMALL SPACESHIP IN HIS LAB..."
IT WILL BE A MONTH BEFORE THE ESCAPING RADIATIONS POISON THE AIR! I HOPE I CAN FINISH THIS ROCKET IN TIME TO SEND OUR DAUGHTER, KARA, TO THE SAFETY OF ANOTHER WORLD!
"MEANWHILE, MY MOTHER SCANNED THE HEAVENS WITH A SUPER-SPACE TELESCOPE, LOOKING FOR SOME CIVILIZED WORLD WHERE I COULD SURVIVE! THEN, ONE DAY..."
LOOK, MOTHER, A FLYING MAN! WHO IS HE?
I'LL MONITOR THEIR BROADCASTS AND DECIPHER THEIR LANGUAGE!
AFTER LEARNING THE LANGUAGE, MY MOTHER TUNED IN ON A PROGRAM HONORING EARTH'S GREATEST HERO...
TODAY METROPOLIS HONORS SUPERMAN WHO ORIGINALLY CAME FROM THE PLANET KRYPTON! HE GAINED SUPER-POWERS FROM THE RAYS OF EARTH'S YELLOW SUN!
THEN YOU, TOO, WOULD HAVE SUPER-POWERS ON EARTH, KARA! WE'LL SEND YOU THERE TO MEET SUPERMAN, WHO IS ONE OF OUR PEOPLE! I'LL MAKE YOU A COSTUME SIMILAR TO HIS!
"MY FATHER FINISHED THE SPACE ROCKET JUST IN TIME, BUT EVEN AS I WAS LAUNCHED TOWARD EARTH, DISASTER STRUCK..."
FAREWELL, KARA! GASP! WE'RE DOOMED, BUT AT LEAST YOU WILL SURVIVE!
MY FATHER, MOTHER AND THE PEOPLE OF ARGO CITY ARE DYING OF RADIATION POISONING! CHOKE! NOW, I'M JUST AN ORPHAN OF SPACE!


"AFTER A LONG JOURNEY I ORBITED EARTH. BUT, AS I PREPARED TO LAND...
GREAT KRYPTON! ACCORDING TO MY FATHER'S INSTRUCTIONS, THAT RED LIGHT INDICATES THE AUTOMATIC CONTROLS ARE DAMAGED! I'LL HAVE TO LAND THE ROCKET MANUALLY!
AUTOMATIC CONTROL
"AS I CUT IN THE RETRO-ROCKETS TO CUSHION MY LANDING, I WATCHED THE TERRAIN ON A VIEWING SCREEN..."
I'LL LAND OUTSIDE THAT TOWN BELOW! I'D BETTER KEEP CLEAR OF BUILDINGS OR MY RETRO-ROCKETS WILL SET SOMETHING AFIRE!
AUTOM
"I LANDED OUTSIDE OF MIDVALE. SUPERMAN HAD SPOTTED MY ARRIVAL AND WAS WAITING. AND AS WE INTRODUCED OURSELVES..."
SO YOU'RE THE SON OF JOR-EL? MY FATHER WAS ZOR-EL, YOUR FATHER'S BROTHER! WE'RE COUSINS, SUPERMAN!
WELCOME TO EARTH, KARA! HERE ON THIS PLANET, YOU'LL BE SUPER, TOO! SOME DAY YOU MAY BECOME FAMOUS AS SUPERGIRL, THE MAID OF STEEL!
AS SUPERGIRL FINISHES HER STORY...
I WAS IN FULL CONTROL OF THAT ROCKET AS I LANDED, KAREN! I NEVER CAME NEAR YOUR FATHER'S OBSERVATORY!
I WON'T LET YOU WRIGGLE OUT OF IT! YOU KILLED MY FATHER, CRIPPLED MY BROTHER AND DESTROYED MY FATHER'S LIFE WORK!
I KNOW I CAN PROVE MY INNOCENCE! COME WITH ME TO SUPERMAN'S FORTRESS! I'LL SHOW YOU THE EVIDENCE THERE!
A LIKELY STORY! BUT I WANT TO BE FAIR... EVEN TO YOU! ALL RIGHT, I'LL COME WITH YOU!
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SHORTLY, AS SUPERGIRL SHOWS KAREN THE WONDERS OF THE FORTRESS OF SOLITUDE...
AND THERE, BESIDE THAT CACTUS-CREATURE FROM THE DARK STAR, VALTOR, YOU CAN SEE THE ROCKET WHICH BROUGHT ME TO EARTH AS A YOUNG GIRL!
NEVER MIND THE GUIDED TOUR, SUPERGIRL! YOU BROUGHT ME HERE TO PROVE YOU DIDN'T KILL MY FATHER!

THIS CHRONOSCOPE, INVENTED BY SUPERMAN, WILL PROVE MY STORY! IT CAN OVERTAKE LIGHT RAYS THAT LEFT EARTH YEARS AGO, SO THAT WE CAN VIEW THE EVENTS OF THE PAST. I'LL FOCUS IT ON THE DAY YOUR FATHER DIED!
YOU MEAN WE'LL ACTUALLY LOOK INTO THE PAST! I DON'T BELIEVE IT!
BUT SECONDS LATER, ON THE VIEWING SCREEN...
I THINK I'VE GOT THE PROPER SPACE-TIME CO-ORDINATED! THERE'S YOUR FATHER IN HIS OBSERVATORY NOW!
YES! GASP! IT'S DAD! I RECOGNIZE HIM! AND BILL'S THERE, TOO!
AS THE SPINE CHILLING DRAMA UNFOLDS...
THAT DARK SHADOW... IT CUT OFF THE BEAM OF LIGHT FROM MY TRANSMITTER!
GROAN! WE'RE SEEING HIM JUST AT THE MOMENT BEFORE YOUR PASSING ROCKET SET HIS OBSERVATORY AFIRE!
BUT IN THE NEXT MOMENT...
NO! I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!
AS THE CHRONOSCOPE FOCUSES ON A WEIRD CREATURE...
I RECOGNIZE THAT THING! IT'S A SPACE BAT FROM A DISTANT NEBULA! IT WAS ATTRACTED BY YOUR FATHER'S HYPER-RAYS JUST LIKE A MOTH IS ATTRACTED TO A FLAME!
THEN, SUDDENLY...
THAT SPACE BAT... FATHER'S RAYS ANNOY HIM! HE'S ATTACKING THE OBSERVATORY WITH BOLTS OF SUPER-ENERGY! THIS IS AWFUL!
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AND AS THE CHRONOSCOPE CHANGES FOCUS...
THAT SHADOWY OBJECT... IT SPOUTED FIRE AT MY TRANSMITTER AND SET MY OBSERVATORY AFLAME! OHHH! MY HEART!
FATHER'S LAST MOMENTS! SOB! I CAN'T BEAR TO LOOK! TURN IT OFF, SUPERGIRL!

I SEE IT ALL NOW! DAD'S OWN EXPERIMENTS CAUSED HIS DEATH. AND I'VE BEEN BLAMING YOU! OH, SUPERGIRL, CAN YOU EVER FORGIVE ME?
OF COURSE, KAREN. BUT NEXT TIME DON'T BE SO QUICK TO MAKE RASH JUDGMENTS, DEAR!
AND NOW, KAREN, LET'S GET BACK TO MIDVALE! I PROMISED THE MAYOR TO PUT ON A SHOW DEMONSTRATING MY SUPER ABILITIES!
AND I'LL BE THERE, TOO! I WOULDN'T MISS IT FOR THE WORLD, SUPERGIRL!
DAYS AFTERWARD, AT KAREN'S HOME...
HI, KAREN! I JUST DROPPED IN ON MY WAY TO WASHINGTON! WHILE WATCHING YOUR FATHER'S LIGHT-TRANSMITTER ON THE CHRONOSCOPE, MY SUPER-MEMORY RECORDED ALL ITS DETAILS! I MADE THESE BLUE-PRINTS OF HIS TRANSMITTER FOR THE NATIONAL SPACE AGENCY!
AND NOW FATHER WILL GET CREDIT FOR HIS GREAT INVENTION! THANKS, SUPERGIRL!
AND THANK YOU FOR HELPING MY BROTHER, BILL! HE'S BACK ON HIS FEET NOW!
THOSE FAMOUS SURGEONS YOU GOT FOR ME OPERATED ON MY LEGS SUCCESSFULLY! I CAN WALK NORMALLY NOW!
I WAS GLAD TO HELP! WELL, I'VE GOT TO TAKE OFF! THERE'S WORK TO BE DONE!
GOODBYE, SUPERGIRL!
SHE'S SUPER ALL RIGHT! AND SHE HAS A SUPER-HEART, TOO! FROM NOW ON SUPERGIRL WILL ALWAYS BE MY IDEAL!
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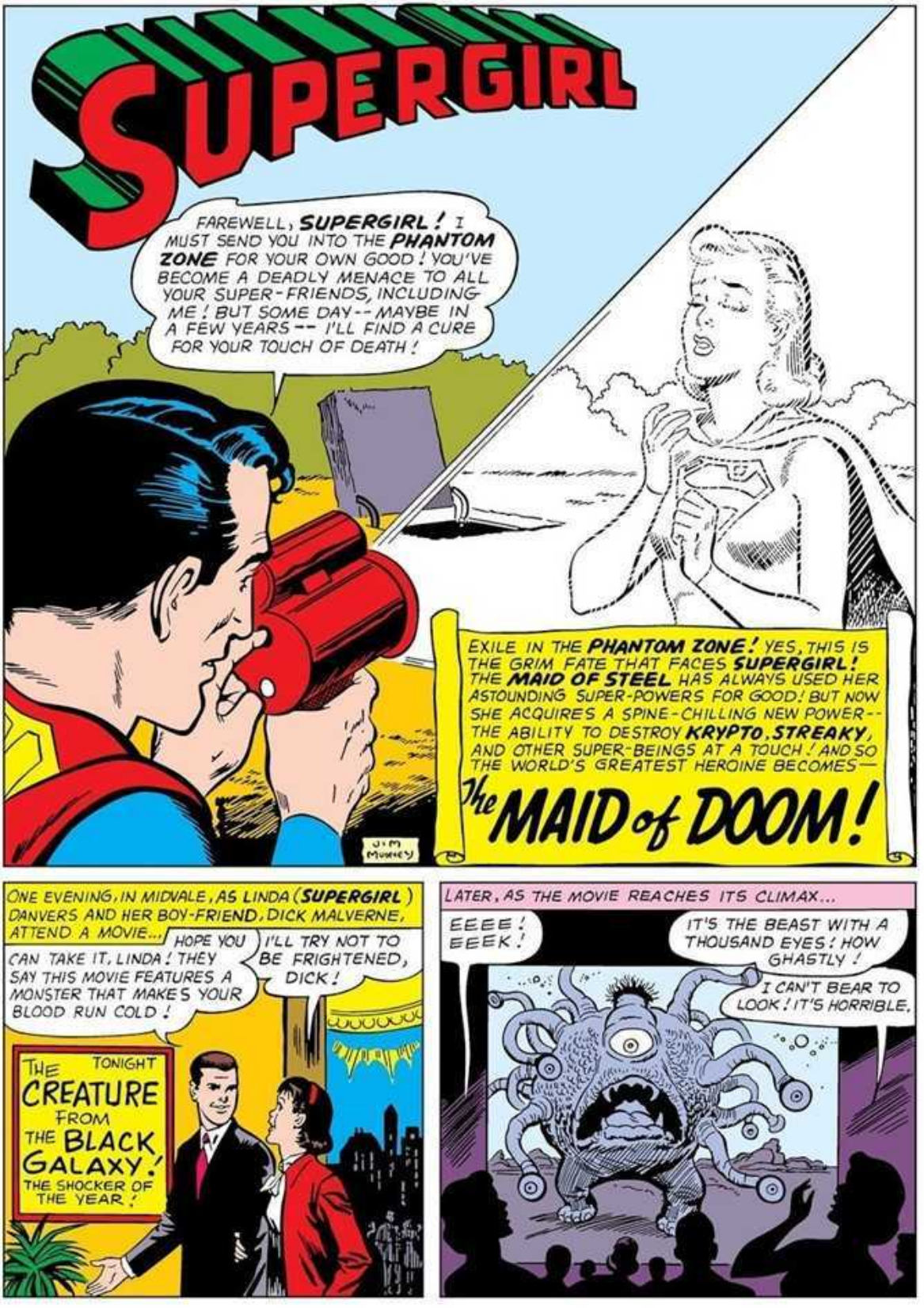
SUPERGIRL

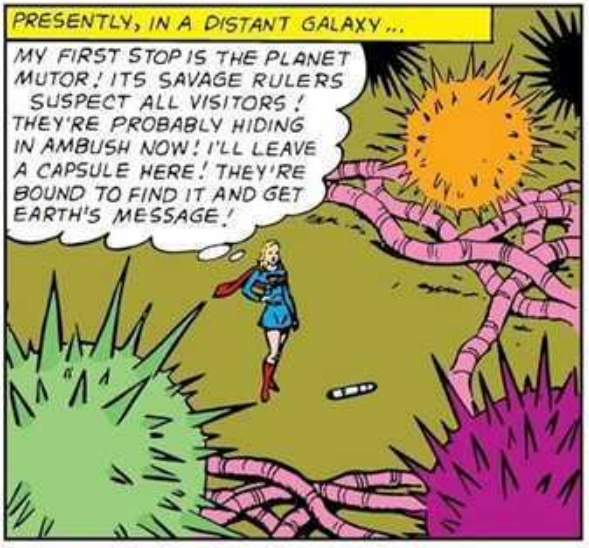

SUPERGIRL
FAREWELL, SUPERGIRL! I MUST SEND YOU INTO THE PHANTOM ZONE FOR YOUR OWN GOOD! YOU'VE BECOME A DEADLY MENACE TO ALL YOUR SUPER-FRIENDS, INCLUDING ME! BUT SOME DAY--MAYBE IN A FEW YEARS--I'LL FIND A CURE FOR YOUR TOUCH OF DEATH!
JIM MOONEY
EXILE IN THE PHANTOM ZONE! YES, THIS IS THE GRIM FATE THAT FACES SUPERGIRL! THE MAID OF STEEL HAS ALWAYS USED HER ASTOUNDING SUPER-POWERS FOR GOOD! BUT NOW SHE ACQUIRES A SPINE-CHILLING NEW POWER--THE ABILITY TO DESTROY KRYPTO, STREAKY, AND OTHER SUPER-BEINGS AT A TOUCH! AND SO THE WORLD'S GREATEST HEROINE BECOMES—
The MAID of DOOM!
ONE EVENING, IN MIDVALE, AS LINDA (SUPERGIRL) DANVERS AND HER BOY-FRIEND, DICK MALVERNE, ATTEND A MOVIE...
I HOPE YOU CAN TAKE IT, LINDA! THEY SAY THIS MOVIE FEATURES A MONSTER THAT MAKES YOUR BLOOD RUN COLD!
I'LL TRY NOT TO BE FRIGHTENED, DICK!
TONIGHT THE CREATURE FROM THE BLACK GALAXY! THE SHOCKER OF THE YEAR!
LATER, AS THE MOVIE REACHES ITS CLIMAX...
EEEE! EEEK!
IT'S THE BEAST WITH A THOUSAND EYES! HOW GHASTLY!
I CAN'T BEAR TO LOOK! IT'S HORRIBLE.

EVEN LINDA SEEMS FRIGHTENED...
OH DICK, I'M SCARED!
THERE, THERE! DON'T BE AFRAID, LINDA! IT'S ONLY A MOVIE, YOU KNOW.
DICK HAS OFTEN SUSPECTED THAT I'M SUPERGIRL! SO I'D BETTER ACT FRIGHTENED TO SHOW I'M JUST AN ORDINARY MEMBER OF THE WEAKER SEX!

LATER, AFTER THE FILM ENDS...
GIRLS SHOULDN'T BE ALLOWED TO SEE HORROR SHOWS LIKE THAT! IT'S TOO MUCH FOR THEIR NERVES!
YOU'RE SO RIGHT, DICK!
AS SUPERGIRL, I'VE TANGLED WITH MONSTERS THAT WOULD MAKE THAT THOUSAND-EYED CREATURE LOOK LIKE A HARMLESS PET!

OH, OH! THAT "BLACK GALAXY" MOVIE REMINDS ME I PROMISED SUPERMAN I'D HANDLE A SPECIAL MISSION TO THREE DISTANT PLANETS! BY THE POSITION OF THOSE STARS, I'D BETTER GET STARTED SOON!

SOON AFTER CHANGING TO HER SUPERGIRL IDENTITY, THE MAID OF STEEL STREAKS AWAY FROM EARTH...
ON BEHALF OF THE UNITED NATIONS, I MUST DELIVER THESE CAPSULES TO THREE HOSTILE WORLDS! THEY CONTAIN FILMS AND TAPES URGING THOSE WAR-LIKE PLANETS TO LIVE IN PEACE WITH THE PEOPLE OF EARTH!


PRESENTLY, IN A DISTANT GALAXY...
MY FIRST STOP IS THE PLANET MUTOR! ITS SAVAGE RULERS SUSPECT ALL VISITORS! THEY'RE PROBABLY HIDING IN AMBUSH NOW! I'LL LEAVE A CAPSULE HERE! THEY'RE BOUND TO FIND IT AND GET EARTH'S MESSAGE!

AS SUPERGIRL FLASHES UPWARD...
;ULP!; WHERE'D THAT SECOND CAPSULE COME FROM? WAIT.. I REMEMBER! THE HOSTILE PLASMOS WHO RULE THIS PLANET ARE PROTOPLASMIC BEINGS THAT CAN CHANGE TO ANY SHAPE AT WILL! ONE OF THEM IS IMITATING THE CAPSULE I LEFT!
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THEN, AFTER A LONG SPACE JOURNEY...
THE MOLE WORLD! THESE SAVAGE, METALLIC MOLE CREATURES HAVE RIDDLED IT WITH TUNNELS AS THEY DRILL FOR THEIR MINERAL FOOD! THEY DO THAT TO EVERY PLANET THEY INVADE! I'LL LEAVE THE SECOND CAPSULE HERE!
SHORTLY, IN STILL ANOTHER GALAXY...
THE LAST CAPSULE IS FOR THE PLANET ERG! THE SHADOW PEOPLE WHO RULE HERE ARE SURROUNDED BY AN AURA OF RADIATION! EVERYTHING ON THIS PLANET IS RADIO-ACTIVE! LUCKILY, MY SUPER-BODY IS INVULNERABLE!
LATER, RETURNING TO EARTH, SUPERGIRL IS ABOUT TO ENTER THE SECRET TUNNEL LEADING TO THE DANVERS' HOME, WHEN...
IT'S STREAKY, MY SUPER-CAT! YOU LITTLE DEVIL! I SHOULD SPANK YOU FOR OPENING THE TUNNEL DOOR!
BUT AS SUPERGIRL FONDLES STREAKY...
STREAKY! HE'S COLLAPSING! GASP! AND THERE'S A STRANGE AURA RADIATING FROM HIS BODY!
HE-HE'S DEAD... KILLED BY SOME STRANGE FORCE! SOB! OH, HOW GHASTLY! HOW COULD IT HAVE HAPPENED?
AS SUPERGIRL TURNS AWAY IN GRIEF...
IT'S KRYPTO, THE SUPER-DOG! HE MUST HAVE BEEN PLAYING WITH STREAKY! CHOKE! LOOK HOW HAPPY HE IS! HE DOESN'T REALIZE WHAT HAPPENED TO HIS BELOVED FRIEND!
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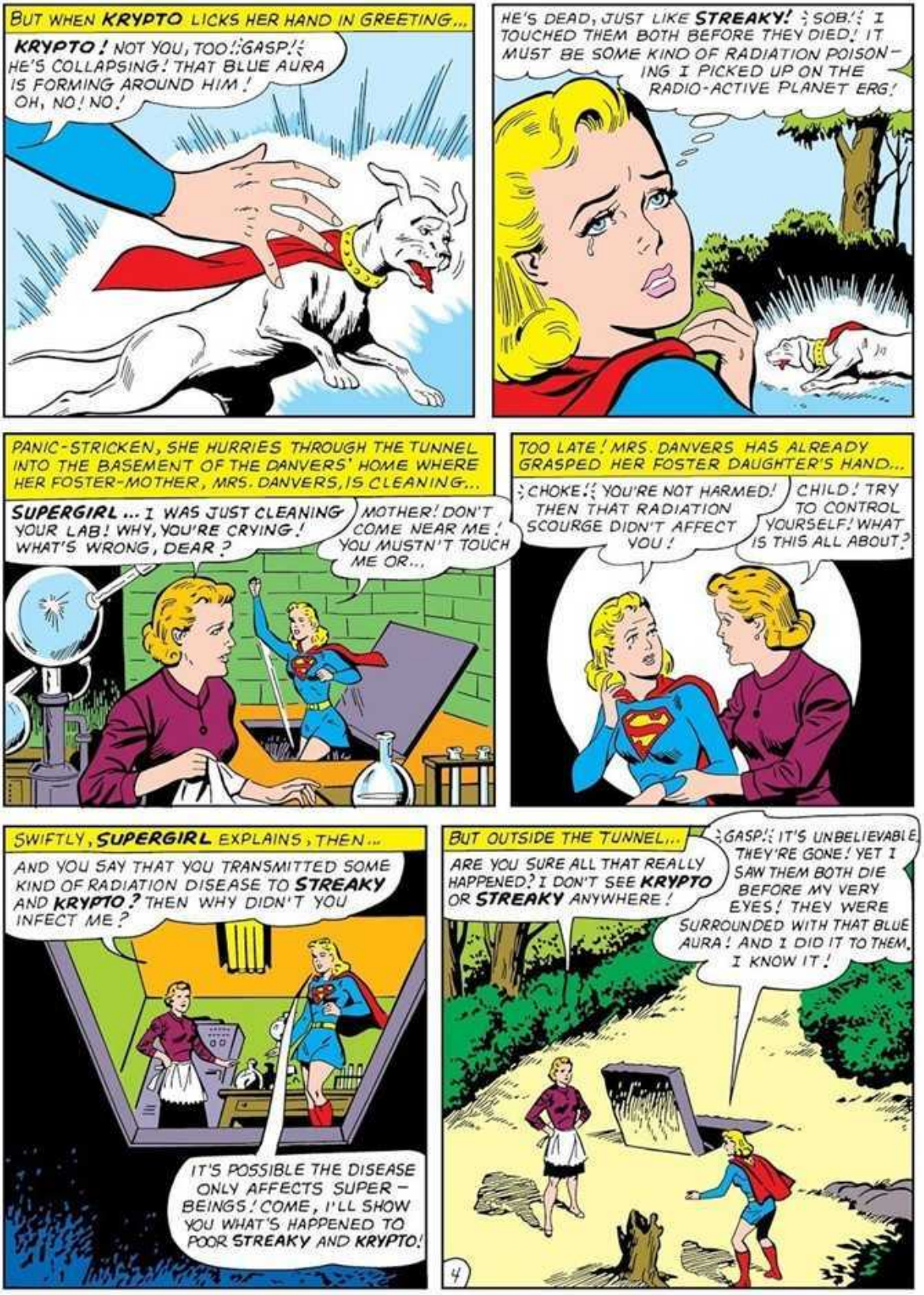
BUT WHEN KRYPTO LICKS HER HAND IN GREETING...
KRYPTO! NOT YOU, TOO! GASP! HE'S COLLAPSING! THAT BLUE AURA IS FORMING AROUND HIM! OH, NO! NO!
HE'S DEAD, JUST LIKE STREAKY! SOB! I TOUCHED THEM BOTH BEFORE THEY DIED! IT MUST BE SOME KIND OF RADIATION POISONING I PICKED UP ON THE RADIO-ACTIVE PLANET ERG!
PANIC-STRICKEN, SHE HURRIES THROUGH THE TUNNEL INTO THE BASEMENT OF THE DANVERS' HOME WHERE HER FOSTER-MOTHER, MRS. DANVERS, IS CLEANING...
SUPERGIRL... I WAS JUST CLEANING YOUR LAB! WHY, YOU'RE CRYING! WHAT'S WRONG, DEAR?
MOTHER! DON'T COME NEAR ME! YOU MUSTN'T TOUCH ME OR...
TOO LATE! MRS. DANVERS HAS ALREADY GRASPED HER FOSTER DAUGHTER'S HAND...
CHOKE! YOU'RE NOT HARMED! THEN THAT RADIATION SCOURGE DIDN'T AFFECT YOU!
CHILD! TRY TO CONTROL YOURSELF! WHAT IS THIS ALL ABOUT?
SWIFTLY, SUPERGIRL EXPLAINS, THEN...
AND YOU SAY THAT YOU TRANSMITTED SOME KIND OF RADIATION DISEASE TO STREAKY AND KRYPTO? THEN WHY DIDN'T YOU INFECT ME?
IT'S POSSIBLE THE DISEASE ONLY AFFECTS SUPER-BEINGS! COME, I'LL SHOW YOU WHAT'S HAPPENED TO POOR STREAKY AND KRYPTO!
BUT OUTSIDE THE TUNNEL...
ARE YOU SURE ALL THAT REALLY HAPPENED? I DON'T SEE KRYPTO OR STREAKY ANYWHERE!
GASP! IT'S UNBELIEVABLE THEY'RE GONE! YET I SAW THEM BOTH DIE BEFORE MY VERY EYES! THEY WERE SURROUNDED WITH THAT BLUE AURA! AND I DID IT TO THEM, I KNOW IT!
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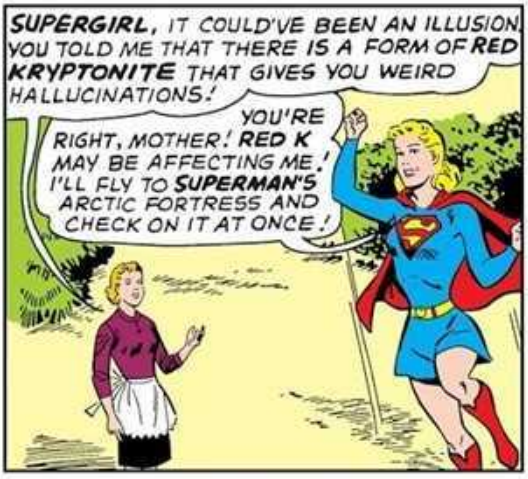
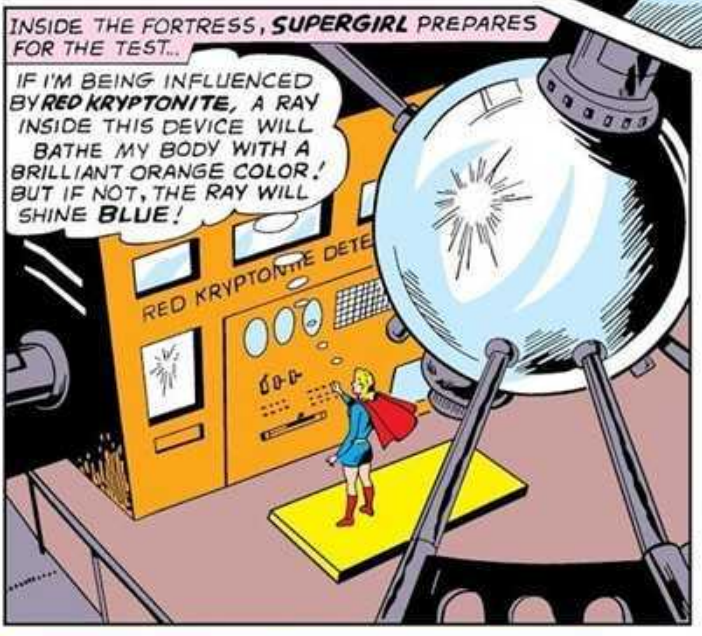
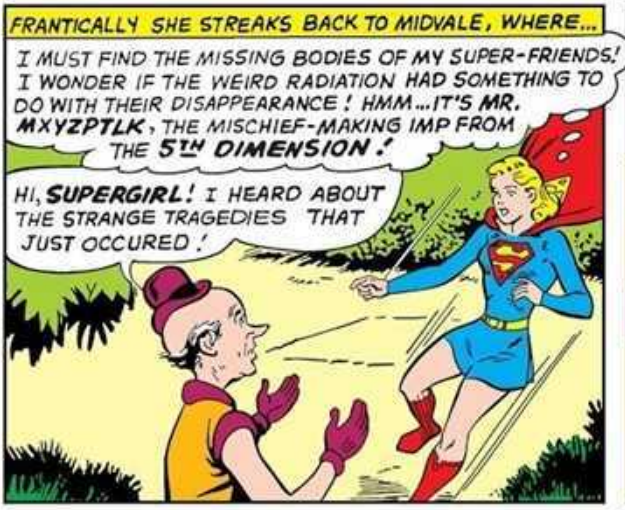

SUPERGIRL, IT COULD'VE BEEN AN ILLUSION. YOU TOLD ME THAT THERE IS A FORM OF RED KRYPTONITE THAT GIVES YOU WEIRD HALLUCINATIONS!
YOU'RE RIGHT, MOTHER! RED K MAY BE AFFECTING ME! I'LL FLY TO SUPERMAN'S ARCTIC FORTRESS AND CHECK ON IT AT ONCE!

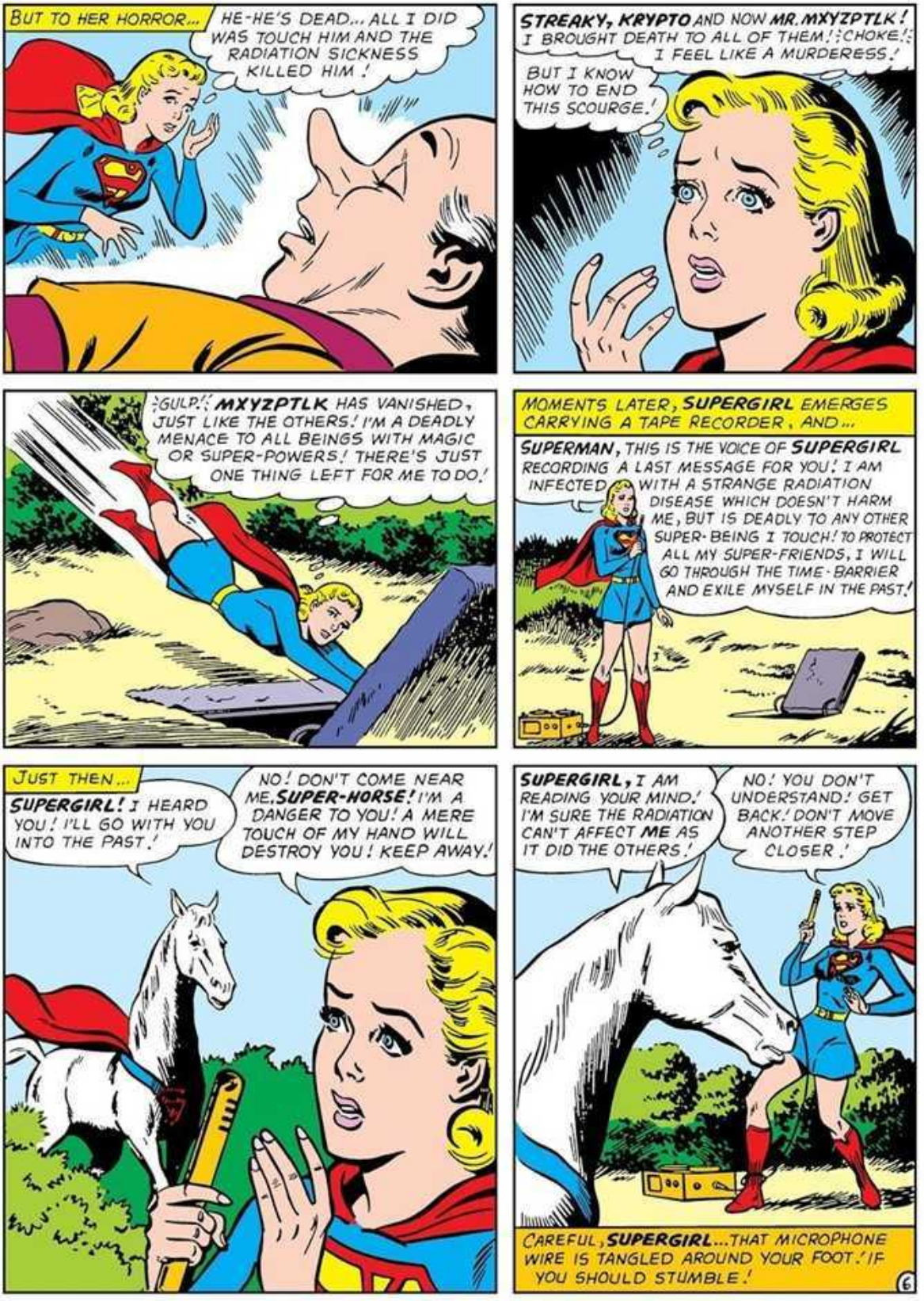
SWIFTLY SHE FLASHES NORTHWARD...
LUCKILY SUPERMAN JUST INVENTED A DEVICE WHICH DETECTS WHETHER SUPER-BEINGS ARE UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF RED KRYPTONITE! WHEW! IT'S GOING TO BE A RELIEF TO KNOW THAT IT WAS ALL JUST A GHASTLY DREAM!


INSIDE THE FORTRESS, SUPERGIRL PREPARES FOR THE TEST...
IF I'M BEING INFLUENCED BY RED KRYPTONITE, A RAY INSIDE THIS DEVICE WILL BATHE MY BODY WITH A BRILLIANT ORANGE COLOR! BUT IF NOT, THE RAY WILL SHINE BLUE!
RED KRYPTONITE DETE

AS THE TEST BEGINS...
BLUE! THEN RED K IS NOT AFFECTING ME! SO I MUST HAVE ACCIDENTALLY KILLED KRYPTO AND STREAKY AFTER ALL! HOW HORRIBLE!


FRANTICALLY SHE STREAKS BACK TO MIDVALE, WHERE...
I MUST FIND THE MISSING BODIES OF MY SUPER-FRIENDS! I WONDER IF THE WEIRD RADIATION HAD SOMETHING TO DO WITH THEIR DISAPPEARANCE! HMM...IT'S MR. MXYZPTLK, THE MISCHIEF-MAKING IMP FROM THE 5TH DIMENSION!
HI, SUPERGIRL! I HEARD ABOUT THE STRANGE TRAGEDIES THAT JUST OCCURED!

I JUST WANT TO SAY I HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH IT! AND NEITHER DID CIRCE, THE SORCERESS! SHE'S VISITING IN MY DIMENSION, AND...
I SEE IT ALL NOW! YOU AND CIRCE CAUSED THESE HORRIBLE ILLUSIONS WITH YOUR 5TH DIMENSIONAL MAGIC. WHY, YOU LITTLE...


BUT TO HER HORROR...
HE-HE'S DEAD... ALL I DID WAS TOUCH HIM AND THE RADIATION SICKNESS KILLED HIM!
STREAKY, KRYPTO AND NOW MR. MXYZPTLK! I BROUGHT DEATH TO ALL OF THEM! CHOKE! I FEEL LIKE A MURDERESS!
BUT I KNOW HOW TO END THIS SCOURGE!
GULP! MXYZPTLK HAS VANISHED, JUST LIKE THE OTHERS! I'M A DEADLY MENACE TO ALL BEINGS WITH MAGIC OR SUPER-POWERS! THERE'S JUST ONE THING LEFT FOR ME TO DO!
MOMENTS LATER, SUPERGIRL EMERGES CARRYING A TAPE RECORDER, AND...
SUPERMAN, THIS IS THE VOICE OF SUPERGIRL RECORDING A LAST MESSAGE FOR YOU! I AM INFECTED WITH A STRANGE RADIATION DISEASE WHICH DOESN'T HARM ME, BUT IS DEADLY TO ANY OTHER SUPER-BEING I TOUCH! TO PROTECT ALL MY SUPER-FRIENDS, I WILL GO THROUGH THE TIME-BARRIER AND EXILE MYSELF IN THE PAST!
JUST THEN...
SUPERGIRL! I HEARD YOU! I'LL GO WITH YOU INTO THE PAST!
NO! DON'T COME NEAR ME, SUPER-HORSE! I'M A DANGER TO YOU! A MERE TOUCH OF MY HAND WILL DESTROY YOU! KEEP AWAY!
SUPERGIRL, I AM READING YOUR MIND! I'M SURE THE RADIATION CAN'T AFFECT ME AS IT DID THE OTHERS!
NO! YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND! GET BACK! DON'T MOVE ANOTHER STEP CLOSER!
CAREFUL, SUPERGIRL... THAT MICROPHONE WIRE IS TANGLED AROUND YOUR FOOT! IF YOU SHOULD STUMBLE!
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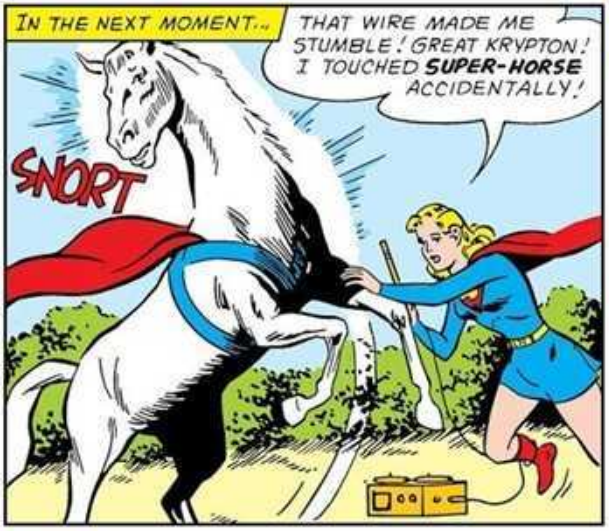
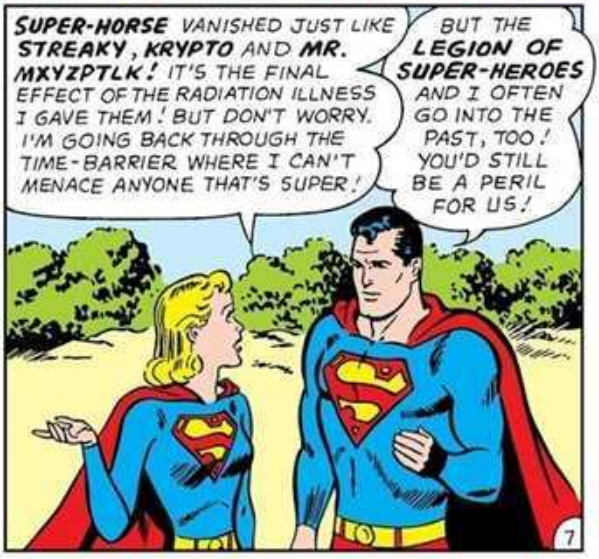

IN THE NEXT MOMENT...
THAT WIRE MADE ME STUMBLE! GREAT KRYPTON! I TOUCHED SUPER-HORSE ACCIDENTALLY!
SNORT

WITHIN SECONDS, THE MIGHTY STALLION GASPS HIS LAST...
HOW IRONIC!... I ONLY WANTED TO HELP YOU... MY BEST FRIEND! WHAT DID I DO... TO DESERVE THIS?
¡GULP!¡ DON'T BLAME YOURSELF, SUPER-HORSE, IT WAS ALL MY FAULT! I'LL NEVER FORGIVE MYSELF! NEVER!

THEN...
MORE TRAGIC NEWS, SUPERMAN! I'VE JUST KILLED SUPER-HORSE, TOO! I MUST LEAVE FOR THE PAST AT ONCE, BEFORE I DO MORE HARM!
SUPERGIRL! WAIT!

SUPERMAN! THANK HEAVENS YOU'VE COME! I'M IN A TERRIBLE MESS!
I KNOW! I SPOTTED THE AWFUL TRAGEDIES FROM ANOTHER GALAXY AND RUSHED HERE AT SUPER-SPEED, BUT I WAS TOO LATE TO SAVE SUPER-HORSE!


SUPER-HORSE VANISHED JUST LIKE STREAKY, KRYPTO AND MR. MXYZPTLK! IT'S THE FINAL EFFECT OF THE RADIATION ILLNESS I GAVE THEM! BUT DON'T WORRY. I'M GOING BACK THROUGH THE TIME-BARRIER WHERE I CAN'T MENACE ANYONE THAT'S SUPER!
BUT THE LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES AND I OFTEN GO INTO THE PAST, TOO! YOU'D STILL BE A PERIL FOR US!
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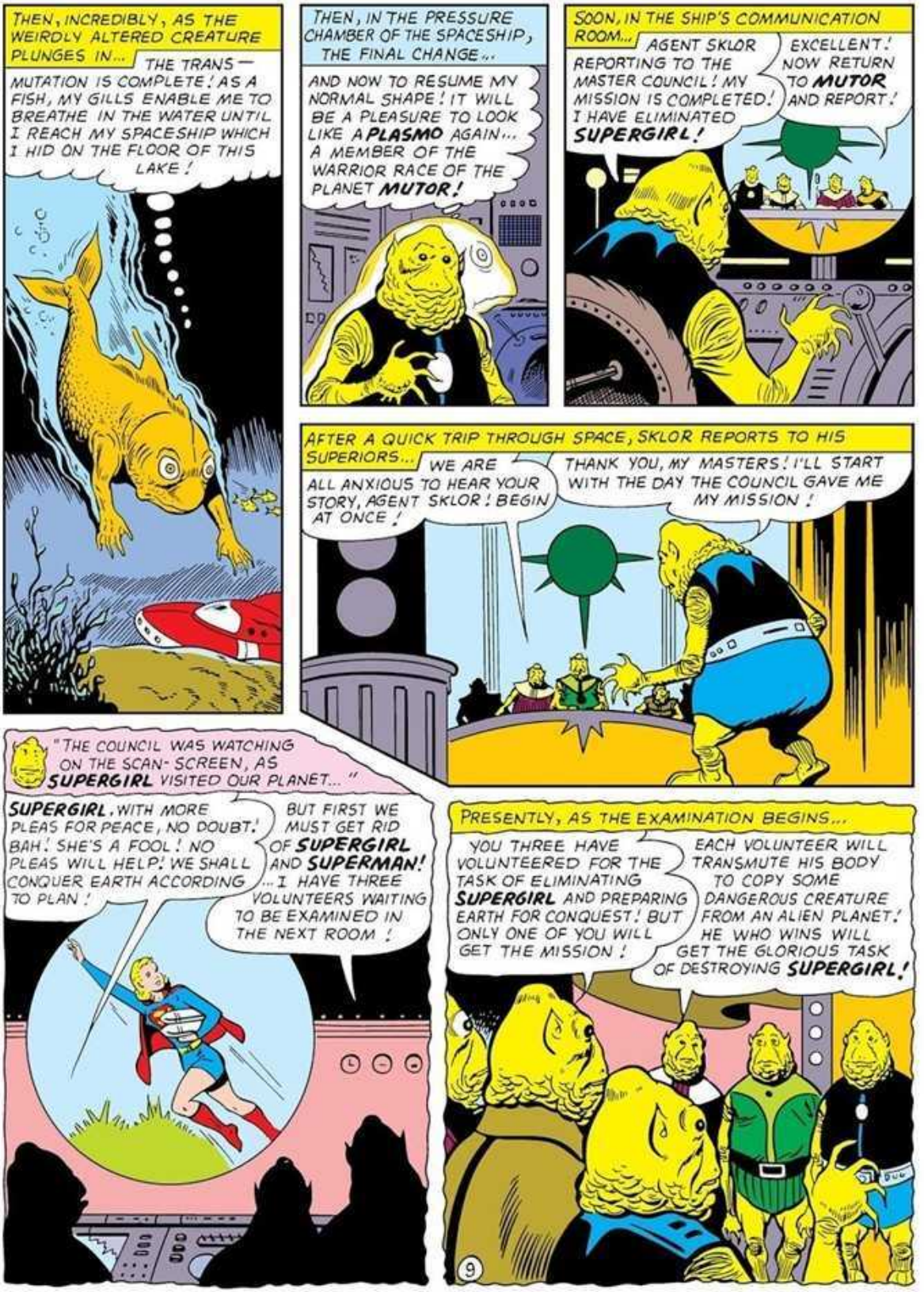
SUPERGIRL! AS LONG AS YOU STAY ON EARTH, EVERY REMAINING SUPER-BEING WILL BE IN DANGER--EVEN THE KANDORIANS! I MUST EXILE YOU TO THE PHANTOM ZONE UNTIL I CAN FIND SOME WAY TO DE-CONTAMINATE YOU!
I UNDERSTAND. IT WOULD BE BEST THAT WAY! ¡CHOKE!¡ YOU DID THE SAME THING TO MON-EL!

"ONCE, WHEN YOU WERE SUPERBOY, YOU USED THE PHANTOM ZONE PROJECTOR TO SEND HIM INTO THE TWILIGHT DIMENSION..."
FAREWELL, MON-EL! SOME DAY I'LL FIND A CURE FOR THE DEADLY EFFECTS WHICH LEAD HAS UPON YOU! THEN I'LL RETURN YOU TO THE REAL WORLD!
I'M NOT AFRAID, SUPERBOY! SEND ME INTO THE PHANTOM ZONE!
"TRAVELING IN THE FUTURE NOT LONG AGO, I DISCOVERED THAT MON-EL WAS RELEASED FROM THE PHANTOM ZONE BY BRAINIAC 5..."
MON-EL, I'VE DISCOVERED AN ANTIDOTE TO PROTECT YOU FROM THE ILL-EFFECTS OF EXPOSURE TO LEAD! WELCOME TO THE REAL WORLD!
YES, READERS! CENTURIES IN THE FUTURE MON-EL WAS FREED FROM THE PHANTOM ZONE AND JOINED THE LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES. SEE ADVENTURE COMICS NO. 305!
ALL RIGHT, SUPERGIRL, GET THE PHANTOM ZONE PROJECTOR FROM THE FORTRESS AND BRING IT HERE! I'D GO WITH YOU, BUT YOU MAY HAVE CONTAMINATED MY HEADQUARTERS WITH THAT RADIATION SCOURGE!
I'LL GO AT ONCE! I'LL TAKE THIS TAPE-RECORDER WITH ME! I'LL RECORD WHAT I WANT YOU TO DO WITH MY SOUVENIRS AND MEMENTOES!
LATER, WHEN SUPERGIRL RETURNS...
HERE'S THE PHANTOM ZONE PROJECTOR, SUPERMAN! DO WHAT YOU MUST!
GULP! IT WON'T BE EASY FOR ME!
AND AS THE WEIRD RAY IS ACTIVATED...
GOOD-BYE, SUPERMAN!
SHE'S VANISHING INTO THE PHANTOM ZONE! MY SCHEME WORKED! HA, HA!
WHAT GOES ON HERE? WHY SHOULD SUPERMAN GLOAT AT SUPERGIRL'S TERRIBLE PREDICAMENT? CAN YOU GUESS?
AS SUPERGIRL VANISHES, THE MAN OF STEEL'S BODY SEEMS TO DISSOLVE AND CHANGE SHAPE...
I MUST REPORT THIS TRIUMPH AT ONCE! AH, THERE'S THE LAKE! I'D BETTER BEGIN CHANGING MY SHAPE!


THEN, INCREDIBLY, AS THE WEIRDLY ALTERED CREATURE PLUNGES IN...
THE TRANS— MUTATION IS COMPLETE! AS A FISH, MY GILLS ENABLE ME TO BREATHE IN THE WATER UNTIL I REACH MY SPACESHIP WHICH I HID ON THE FLOOR OF THIS LAKE!
THEN, IN THE PRESSURE CHAMBER OF THE SPACESHIP, THE FINAL CHANGE...
AND NOW TO RESUME MY NORMAL SHAPE! IT WILL BE A PLEASURE TO LOOK LIKE A PLASMO AGAIN... A MEMBER OF THE WARRIOR RACE OF THE PLANET MUTOR!
SOON, IN THE SHIP'S COMMUNICATION ROOM...
AGENT SKLOR REPORTING TO THE MASTER COUNCIL! MY MISSION IS COMPLETED! I HAVE ELIMINATED SUPERGIRL!
EXCELLENT! NOW RETURN TO MUTOR AND REPORT!
AFTER A QUICK TRIP THROUGH SPACE, SKLOR REPORTS TO HIS SUPERIORS...
WE ARE ALL ANXIOUS TO HEAR YOUR STORY, AGENT SKLOR! BEGIN AT ONCE!
THANK YOU, MY MASTERS! I'LL START WITH THE DAY THE COUNCIL GAVE ME MY MISSION!
"THE COUNCIL WAS WATCHING ON THE SCAN-SCREEN, AS SUPERGIRL VISITED OUR PLANET..."
SUPERGIRL, WITH MORE PLEAS FOR PEACE, NO DOUBT! BAH! SHE'S A FOOL! NO PLEAS WILL HELP! WE SHALL CONQUER EARTH ACCORDING TO PLAN!
BUT FIRST WE MUST GET RID OF SUPERGIRL AND SUPERMAN! ...I HAVE THREE VOLUNTEERS WAITING TO BE EXAMINED IN THE NEXT ROOM!
PRESENTLY, AS THE EXAMINATION BEGINS...
YOU THREE HAVE VOLUNTEERED FOR THE TASK OF ELIMINATING SUPERGIRL AND PREPARING EARTH FOR CONQUEST! BUT ONLY ONE OF YOU WILL GET THE MISSION!
EACH VOLUNTEER WILL TRANSMUTE HIS BODY TO COPY SOME DANGEROUS CREATURE FROM AN ALIEN PLANET! HE WHO WINS WILL GET THE GLORIOUS TASK OF DESTROYING SUPERGIRL!
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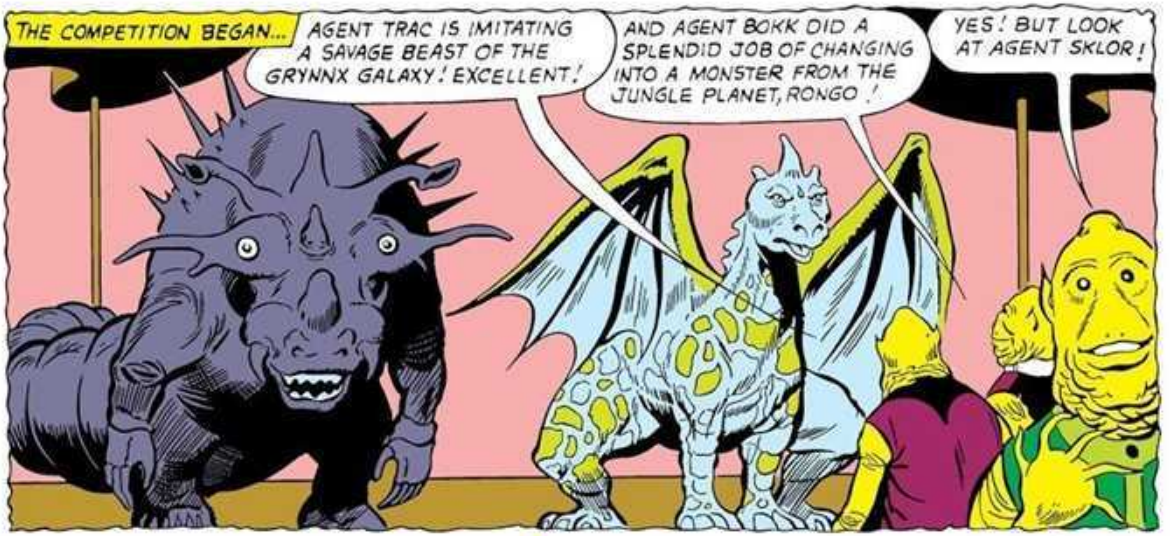
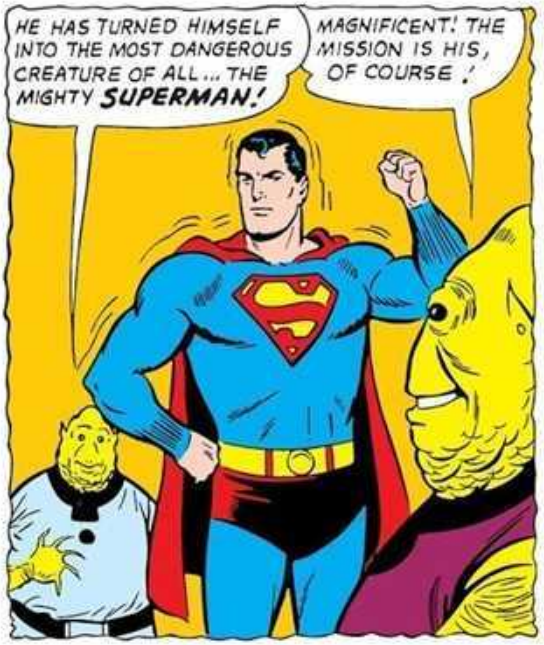
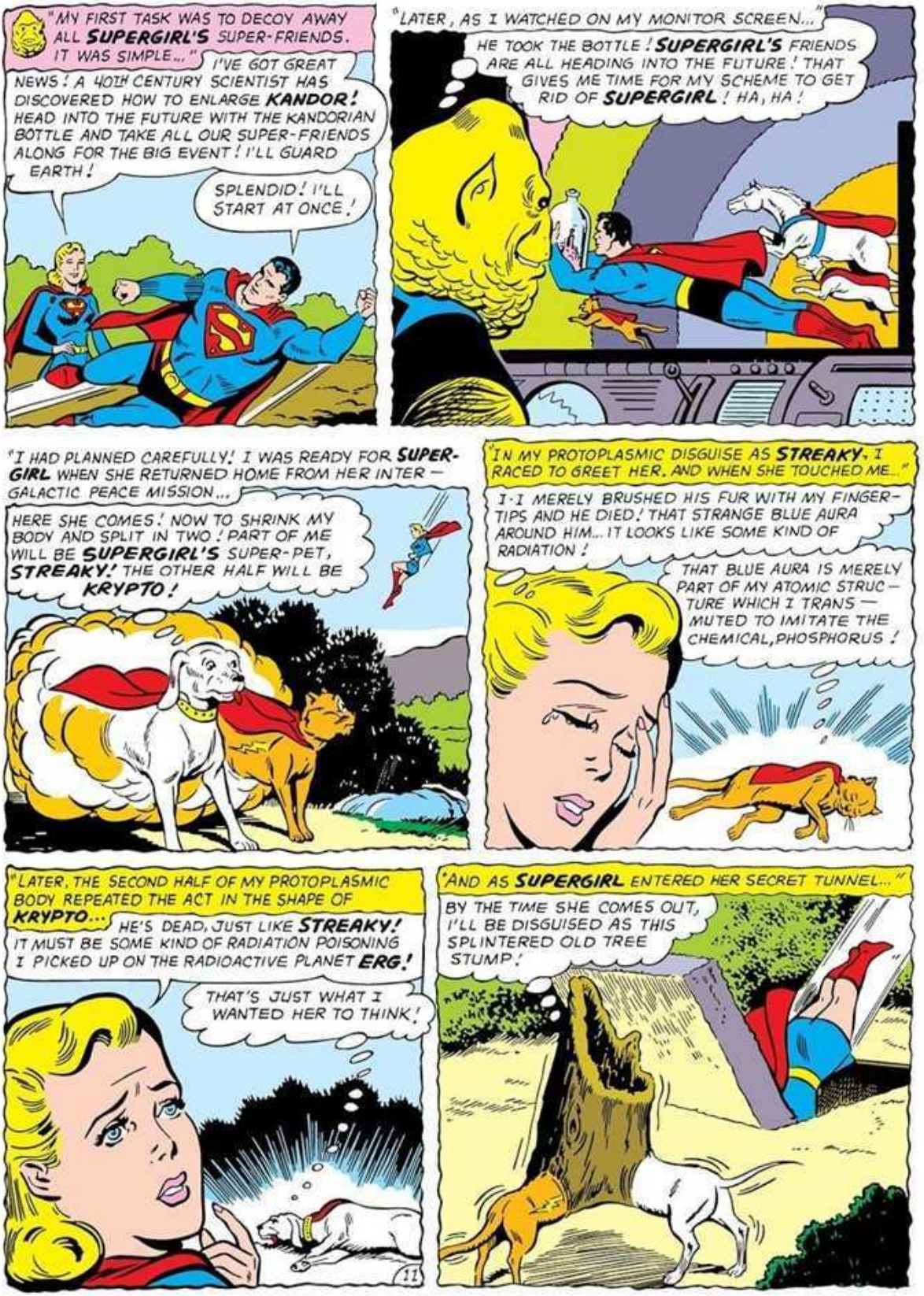

THE COMPETITION BEGAN...
AGENT TRAC IS IMITATING A SAVAGE BEAST OF THE GRYNNX GALAXY! EXCELLENT!
AND AGENT BOKK DID A SPLENDID JOB OF CHANGING INTO A MONSTER FROM THE JUNGLE PLANET, RONGO!
YES! BUT LOOK AT AGENT SKLOR!


HE HAS TURNED HIMSELF INTO THE MOST DANGEROUS CREATURE OF ALL... THE MIGHTY SUPERMAN!
MAGNIFICENT! THE MISSION IS HIS, OF COURSE!

"SOON, I TOOK OFF FOR EARTH..."
ATTENTION, AGENT SKLOR! OUR SCAN-SCREENS HAVE JUST SPOTTED SUPERGIRL HEADING FOR THE RADIATION PLANET, ERG! YOUR HYPER-MAGNETIC DRIVE WILL HELP YOU BEAT HER BACK TO EARTH! GOOD HUNTING!
I WILL BE WORTHY OF YOUR TRUST, MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL!

I ARRIVED ON EARTH SHORTLY AFTERWARD...
IT'S NIGHT, BUT MY INFRA-RED LOCATOR BEAM ZEROED IN ON SUPERGIRL'S HOME-TOWN, MIDVALE! I'LL HIDE MYSELF AT THE BOTTOM OF THE LAKE!

"IT WAS DAWN WHEN SUPERMAN ARRIVED AT MIDVALE JUST AS I EXPECTED. I WAS READY FOR HIM!"
SUPERGIRL! I CAME HERE TO CHECK ON A REPORT THAT A STRANGE FLYING OBJECT WAS IN THE VICINITY, BUT I SEE YOU'RE ALREADY ON THE JOB!
IT WAS JUST SOMEONE'S IMAGINATION! SOMEONE MAY HAVE SPOTTED ME AS I FLASHED IN, OUT OF THE FUTURE AT SUPER-SPEED!
MY DISGUISE AS SUPERGIRL FOOLED HIM COMPLETELY!


"MY FIRST TASK WAS TO DECOY AWAY ALL SUPERGIRL'S SUPER-FRIENDS. IT WAS SIMPLE..."
I'VE GOT GREAT NEWS! A 40TH CENTURY SCIENTIST HAS DISCOVERED HOW TO ENLARGE KANDOR! HEAD INTO THE FUTURE WITH THE KANDORIAN BOTTLE AND TAKE ALL OUR SUPER-FRIENDS ALONG FOR THE BIG EVENT! I'LL GUARD EARTH!
SPLENDID! I'LL START AT ONCE!
"LATER, AS I WATCHED ON MY MONITOR SCREEN..."
HE TOOK THE BOTTLE! SUPERGIRL'S FRIENDS ARE ALL HEADING INTO THE FUTURE! THAT GIVES ME TIME FOR MY SCHEME TO GET RID OF SUPERGIRL! HA, HA!
"I HAD PLANNED CAREFULLY! I WAS READY FOR SUPERGIRL WHEN SHE RETURNED HOME FROM HER INTER—GALACTIC PEACE MISSION...
HERE SHE COMES! NOW TO SHRINK MY BODY AND SPLIT IN TWO! PART OF ME WILL BE SUPERGIRL'S SUPER-PET, STREAKY! THE OTHER HALF WILL BE KRYPTO!
"IN MY PROTOPLASMIC DISGUISE AS STREAKY, I RACED TO GREET HER. AND WHEN SHE TOUCHED ME..."
I-I MERELY BRUSHED HIS FUR WITH MY FINGER-TIPS AND HE DIED! THAT STRANGE BLUE AURA AROUND HIM... IT LOOKS LIKE SOME KIND OF RADIATION!
THAT BLUE AURA IS MERELY PART OF MY ATOMIC STRUCTURE WHICH I TRANSMUTED TO IMITATE THE CHEMICAL, PHOSPHORUS!
"LATER, THE SECOND HALF OF MY PROTOPLASMIC BODY REPEATED THE ACT IN THE SHAPE OF KRYPTO...
HE'S DEAD, JUST LIKE STREAKY! IT MUST BE SOME KIND OF RADIATION POISONING I PICKED UP ON THE RADIOACTIVE PLANET ERG!
THAT'S JUST WHAT I WANTED HER TO THINK!
"AND AS SUPERGIRL ENTERED HER SECRET TUNNEL..."
BY THE TIME SHE COMES OUT, I'LL BE DISGUISED AS THIS SPLINTERED OLD TREE STUMP!
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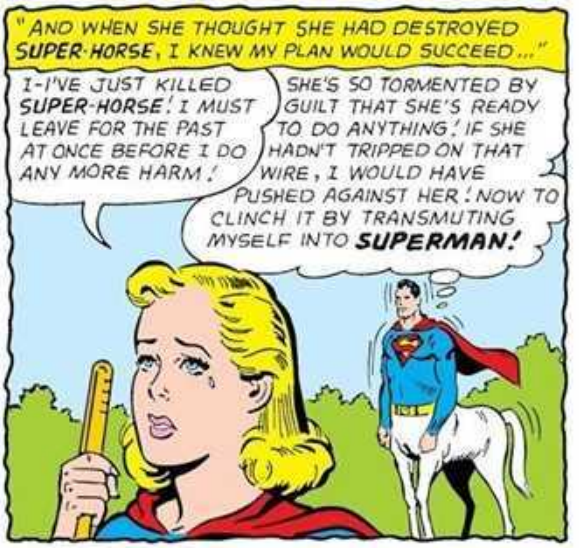
"THEN, PRESENTLY ..."
THEY'RE GONE! YET I SAW THEM DIE BEFORE MY VERY EYES! AND I DID IT TO THEM! I KNOW IT!
SPLENDID! I WANTED HER TO FEEL GUILTY! AND THIS IS JUST THE BEGINNING!

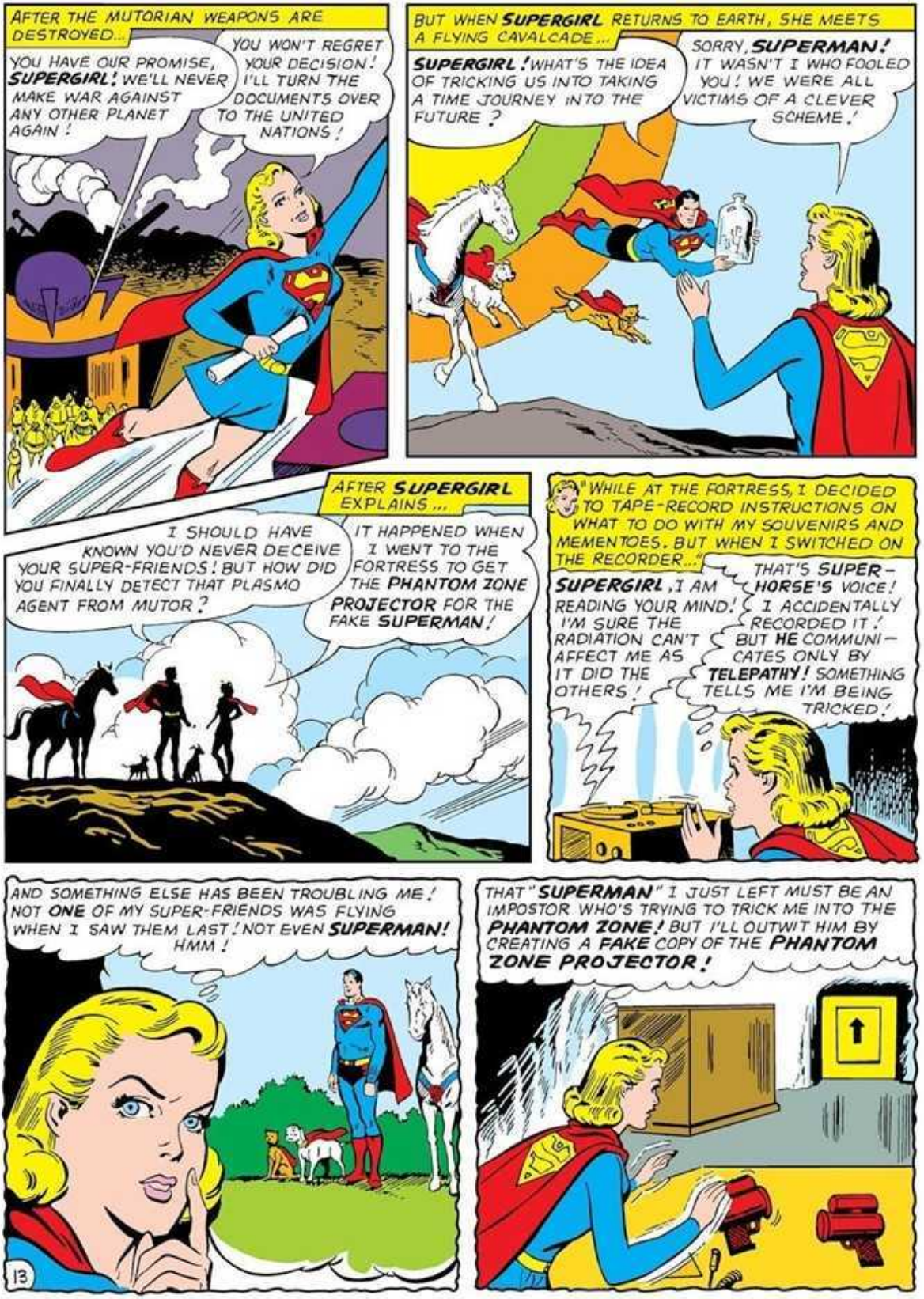

"AND WHEN SHE THOUGHT SHE HAD DESTROYED SUPER-HORSE, I KNEW MY PLAN WOULD SUCCEED ..."
I-I'VE JUST KILLED SUPER-HORSE! I MUST LEAVE FOR THE PAST AT ONCE BEFORE I DO ANY MORE HARM!
SHE'S SO TORMENTED BY GUILT THAT SHE'S READY TO DO ANYTHING! IF SHE HADN'T TRIPPED ON THAT WIRE, I WOULD HAVE PUSHED AGAINST HER! NOW TO CLINCH IT BY TRANSMUTING MYSELF INTO SUPERMAN!

"THEN, ONCE AGAIN, DISGUISED AS SUPERMAN, I CONVINCED HER THERE WAS ONLY ONE ANSWER! EXILE IN THE PHANTOM ZONE!"
DO WHAT YOU MUST! GOOD-BYE, SUPERMAN!
SHE'S VANISHING INTO THE PHANTOM ZONE! HA, HA!

AS THE TRIUMPHANT SKLOR FINISHES HIS STORY...
AND JUST AS I DISPOSED OF SUPERGIRL WITH THIS PHANTOM ZONE PROJECTOR, SO I CAN GET RID OF SUPERMAN, TOO!
THAT'S WHAT YOU THINK!

SUPERGIRL! SHE MUST HAVE ESCAPED FROM THE PHANTOM ZONE! I'LL PUT HER IN AGAIN!
DON'T BOTHER, SKLOR! I DISCOVERED YOUR CUNNING SCHEME, AND OUTWITTED YOU BY CREATING A FAKE PHANTOM ZONE PROJECTOR!

MUTORIANS! I'VE PROVED THAT EVEN YOUR CLEVEREST AGENT COULD NOT DEFEAT ME! YOU MAY AS WELL AGREE TO SIGN A PEACE TREATY WITH EARTH!
YOU'RE RIGHT! WE CAN NEVER CONQUER EARTH AS LONG AS YOU AND SUPERMAN PROTECT THAT PLANET! WE'LL DESTROY ALL OUR WEAPONS AT ONCE!


AFTER THE MUTORIAN WEAPONS ARE DESTROYED...
YOU HAVE OUR PROMISE, SUPERGIRL! WE'LL NEVER MAKE WAR AGAINST ANY OTHER PLANET AGAIN!
YOU WON'T REGRET YOUR DECISION! I'LL TURN THE DOCUMENTS OVER TO THE UNITED NATIONS!
BUT WHEN SUPERGIRL RETURNS TO EARTH, SHE MEETS A FLYING CAVALCADE...
SUPERGIRL! WHAT'S THE IDEA OF TRICKING US INTO TAKING A TIME JOURNEY INTO THE FUTURE?
SORRY, SUPERMAN! IT WASN'T I WHO FOOLED YOU! WE WERE ALL VICTIMS OF A CLEVER SCHEME!
AFTER SUPERGIRL EXPLAINS...
I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN YOU'D NEVER DECEIVE YOUR SUPER-FRIENDS! BUT HOW DID YOU FINALLY DETECT THAT PLASMO AGENT FROM MUTOR?
IT HAPPENED WHEN I WENT TO THE FORTRESS TO GET THE PHANTOM ZONE PROJECTOR FOR THE FAKE SUPERMAN!
"WHILE AT THE FORTRESS, I DECIDED TO TAPE-RECORD INSTRUCTIONS ON WHAT TO DO WITH MY SOUVENIRS AND MEMENTOES. BUT WHEN I SWITCHED ON THE RECORDER..."
SUPERGIRL, I AM READING YOUR MIND! I'M SURE THE RADIATION CAN'T AFFECT ME AS IT DID THE OTHERS!
THAT'S SUPER-HORSE'S VOICE! I ACCIDENTALLY RECORDED IT! BUT HE COMMUNICATES ONLY BY TELEPATHY! SOMETHING TELLS ME I'M BEING TRICKED!
AND SOMETHING ELSE HAS BEEN TROUBLING ME! NOT ONE OF MY SUPER-FRIENDS WAS FLYING WHEN I SAW THEM LAST! NOT EVEN SUPERMAN! HMM!
THAT "SUPERMAN" I JUST LEFT MUST BE AN IMPOSTOR WHO'S TRYING TO TRICK ME INTO THE PHANTOM ZONE! BUT I'LL OUTWIT HIM BY CREATING A FAKE COPY OF THE PHANTOM ZONE PROJECTOR!
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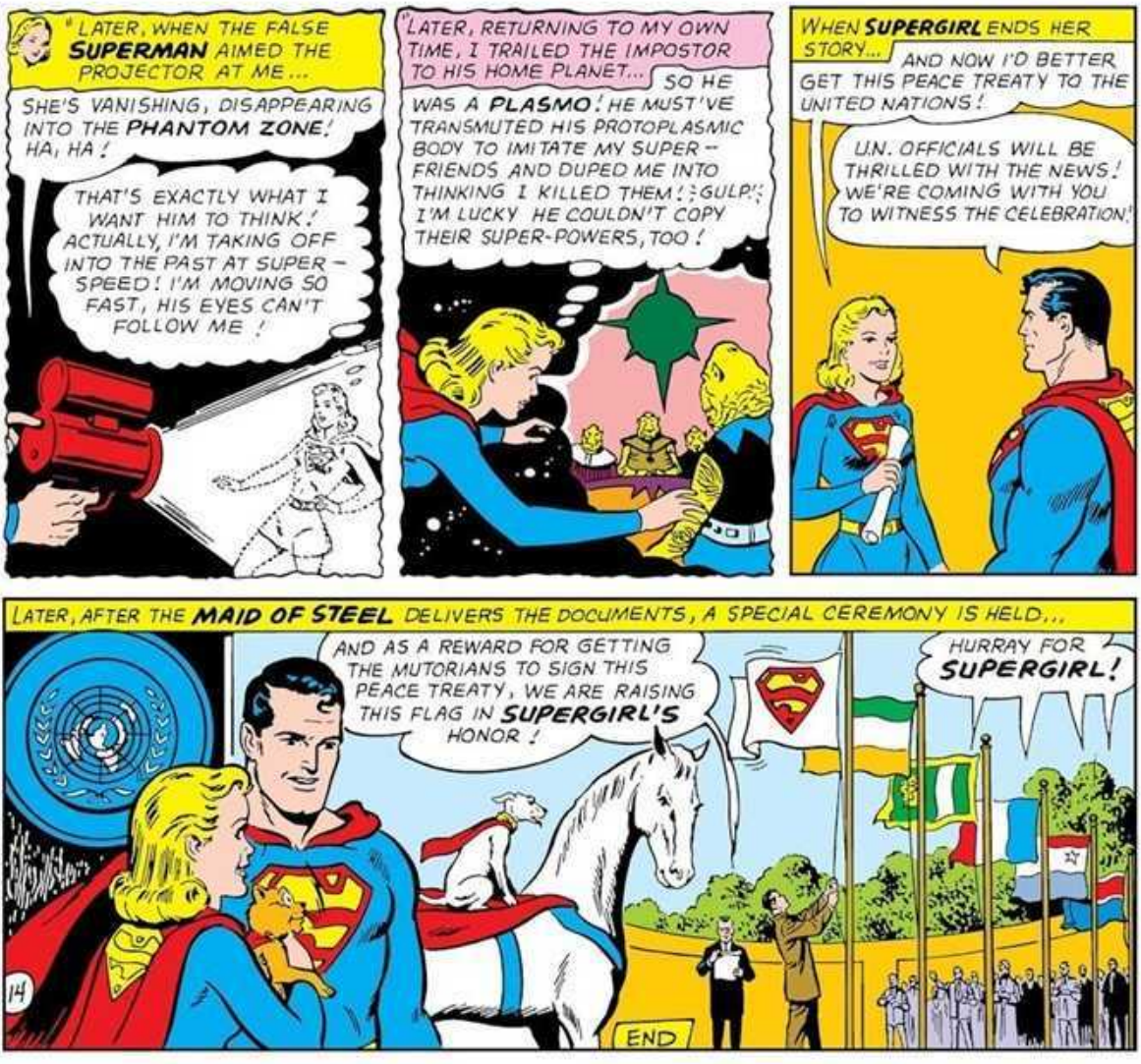
"LATER, WHEN THE FALSE SUPERMAN AIMED THE PROJECTOR AT ME...
SHE'S VANISHING, DISAPPEARING INTO THE PHANTOM ZONE! HA, HA!
THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT I WANT HIM TO THINK! ACTUALLY, I'M TAKING OFF INTO THE PAST AT SUPER-SPEED! I'M MOVING SO FAST, HIS EYES CAN'T FOLLOW ME!
"LATER, RETURNING TO MY OWN TIME, I TRAILED THE IMPOSTOR TO HIS HOME PLANET...
SO HE WAS A PLASMO! HE MUST'VE TRANSMUTED HIS PROTOPLASMIC BODY TO IMITATE MY SUPER-FRIENDS AND DUPED ME INTO THINKING I KILLED THEM! GULP! I'M LUCKY HE COULDN'T COPY THEIR SUPER-POWERS, TOO!
WHEN SUPERGIRL ENDS HER STORY...
AND NOW I'D BETTER GET THIS PEACE TREATY TO THE UNITED NATIONS!
U.N. OFFICIALS WILL BE THRILLED WITH THE NEWS! WE'RE COMING WITH YOU TO WITNESS THE CELEBRATION!
LATER, AFTER THE MAID OF STEEL DELIVERS THE DOCUMENTS, A SPECIAL CEREMONY IS HELD...
AND AS A REWARD FOR GETTING THE MUTORIANS TO SIGN THIS PEACE TREATY, WE ARE RAISING THIS FLAG IN SUPERGIRL'S HONOR!
HURRAY FOR SUPERGIRL!
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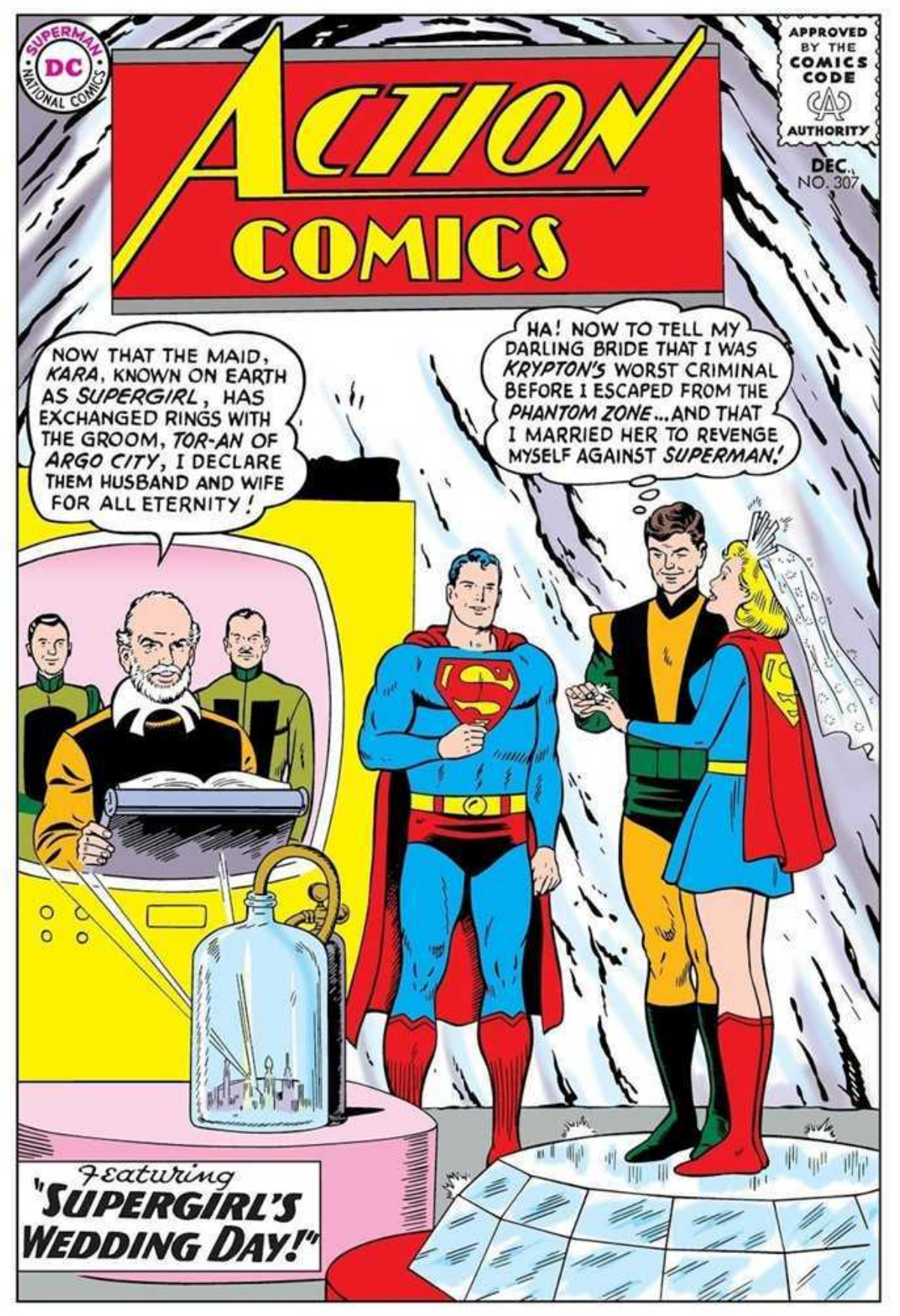
SUPERGIRL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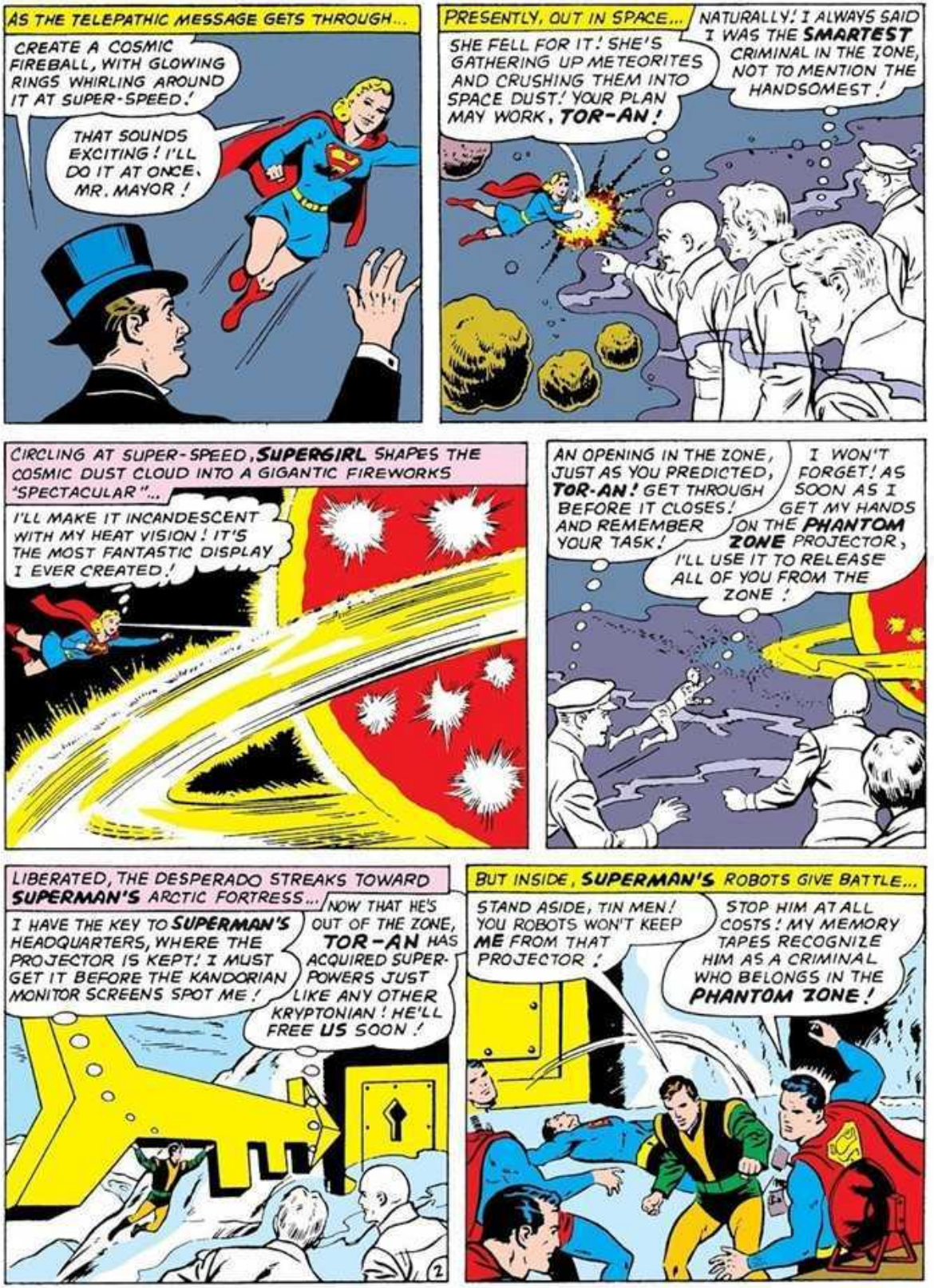
NOW THAT THE MAID, KARA, KNOWN ON EARTH AS SUPERGIRL, HAS EXCHANGED RINGS WITH THE GROOM, TOR-AN OF ARGO CITY, I DECLARE THEM HUSBAND AND WIFE FOR ALL ETERNITY!
HA! NOW TO TELL MY DARLING BRIDE THAT I WAS KRYPTON'S WORST CRIMINAL BEFORE I ESCAPED FROM THE PHANTOM ZONE...AND THAT I MARRIED HER TO REVENGE MYSELF AGAINST SUPERMAN!
Featuring
"SUPERGIRL'S WEDDING DAY!"

SUPERGIRL
HA! SUPERGIRL THINKS I LOVE HER! IF SHE ONLY KNEW I'M MARRYING HER TO GET REVENGE ON SUPERMAN!
HOW HAPPY I'LL BE AS TOR-AN'S WIFE!
MY TELEPATHIC POWERS SENSE THAT MAN IS EVIL, BUT IF I WARN SUPERGIRL, SHE'LL THINK I'M JEALOUS!
THE GREAT DAY IS HERE AT LAST! AFTER A WHIRLWIND COURTSHIP, SUPERGIRL IS ABOUT TO MARRY THE MAN OF HER DREAMS. IT LOOKS LIKE A PERFECT MATCH--THE BEAUTIFUL SUPER-HEROINE AND THE HANDSOME TOR-AN, WHO ALSO HAS SUPER-POWERS! WILL THE MAID OF STEEL BE HAPPY WITH HER HANDSOME GROOM? READ THE STARTLING STORY—
SUPERGIRL'S WEDDING DAY!
JIM MOONEY
ONE EVENING, AS SUPERGIRL ATTENDS THE ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF THE FOUNDING OF MIDVALE, WHERE SHE LIVES SECRETLY AS LINDA LEE DANVERS...
MR. MAYOR, I'D BE HAPPY TO HELP MIDVALE CELEBRATE THIS OCCASION. WHAT DO YOU WANT ME TO DO?
I WAS THINKING OF SOME SPECTACULAR FIREWORKS! WAIT! I'M GETTING AN INSPIRATION!
AN INSPIRATION... FROM THE MINDS OF THE CRIMINALS IN THE PHANTOM ZONE WHO ARE CONCENTRATING THEIR MENTAL POWERS TO SHAPE THE MAYOR'S THOUGHTS...
TELL SUPERGIRL TO CREATE A HUGE COSMIC FIREBALL, TO RESEMBLE SATURN WITH ITS WHIRLING RINGS!


AS THE TELEPATHIC MESSAGE GETS THROUGH...
CREATE A COSMIC FIREBALL, WITH GLOWING RINGS WHIRLING AROUND IT AT SUPER-SPEED!
THAT SOUNDS EXCITING! I'LL DO IT AT ONCE, MR. MAYOR!
PRESENTLY, OUT IN SPACE...
SHE FELL FOR IT! SHE'S GATHERING UP METEORITES AND CRUSHING THEM INTO SPACE DUST! YOUR PLAN MAY WORK, TOR-AN!
NATURALLY! I ALWAYS SAID I WAS THE SMARTEST CRIMINAL IN THE ZONE, NOT TO MENTION THE HANDSOMEST!
CIRCLING AT SUPER-SPEED, SUPERGIRL SHAPES THE COSMIC DUST CLOUD INTO A GIGANTIC FIREWORKS "SPECTACULAR"...
I'LL MAKE IT INCANDESCENT WITH MY HEAT VISION! IT'S THE MOST FANTASTIC DISPLAY I EVER CREATED!
AN OPENING IN THE ZONE, JUST AS YOU PREDICTED, TOR-AN! GET THROUGH BEFORE IT CLOSES! AND REMEMBER YOUR TASK!
I WON'T FORGET! AS SOON AS I GET MY HANDS ON THE PHANTOM ZONE PROJECTOR, I'LL USE IT TO RELEASE ALL OF YOU FROM THE ZONE!
LIBERATED, THE DESPERADO STREAKS TOWARD SUPERMAN'S ARCTIC FORTRESS...
I HAVE THE KEY TO SUPERMAN'S HEADQUARTERS, WHERE THE PROJECTOR IS KEPT! I MUST GET IT BEFORE THE KANDORIAN MONITOR SCREENS SPOT ME!
NOW THAT HE'S OUT OF THE ZONE, TOR-AN HAS ACQUIRED SUPER-POWERS JUST LIKE ANY OTHER KRYPTONIAN! HE'LL FREE US SOON!
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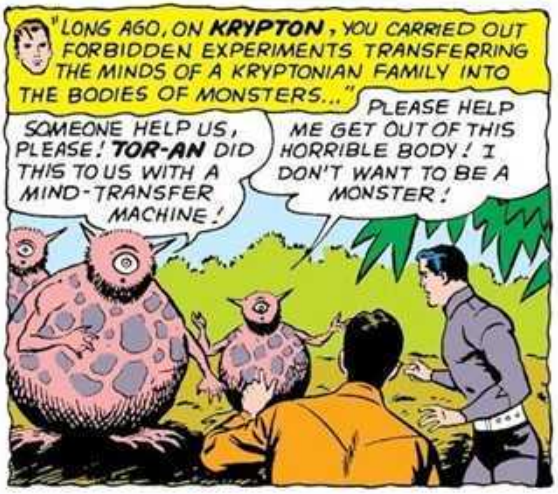
BUT INSIDE, SUPERMAN'S ROBOTS GIVE BATTLE...
STAND ASIDE, TIN MEN! YOU ROBOTS WON'T KEEP ME FROM THAT PROJECTOR!
STOP HIM AT ALL COSTS! MY MEMORY TAPES RECOGNIZE HIM AS A CRIMINAL WHO BELONGS IN THE PHANTOM ZONE!

I'M...FINISHED... BUT YOUR... PLAN MUST NOT SUCCEED! I'LL DESTROY...THE PROJECTOR!
:GROAN: THAT PROJECTOR WAS OUR LAST MEANS OF ESCAPE! NOW WE CAN NEVER GET OUT AND REVENGE OURSELVES ON SUPERMAN AND SUPERGIRL!

BUT THE CUNNING CRIMINAL GOES TO WORK AT SUPER-SPEED...
YOUR ESCAPE HAS BEEN FOILED, MY PHANTOM ZONE FRIENDS! BUT I HAVE ANOTHER IDEA ON HOW TO GET REVENGE AGAINST SUPERMAN AND SUPERGIRL! FIRST I MUST SEAL THE BOTTLE OF KANDOR! I'LL USE THE ELECTRONIC PARTS FROM THESE ROBOTS!

AS THE HELPLESS KANDORIANS WATCH FROM THE TINY KRYPTONIAN CITY WHICH WAS ONCE SHRUNKEN TO MICROSCOPIC SIZE BY THE SPACE CRIMINAL, BRAINIAC...
KANDORIANS! I KNOW YOUR MONITORS ARE WATCHING ME! IF YOU TRY TO EMERGE AND STOP ME, THIS DEVICE I JUST MADE WILL ELECTROCUTE EVERY HUMAN IN YOUR CITY!
WE HEED YOUR THREAT, TOR-AN! OUR HISTORY BOOKS SPEAK OF YOUR CRIMINAL DEEDS!

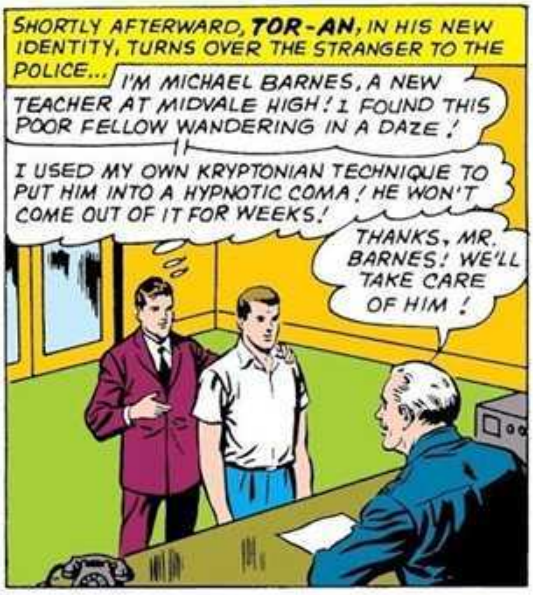

"LONG AGO, ON KRYPTON, YOU CARRIED OUT FORBIDDEN EXPERIMENTS TRANSFERRING THE MINDS OF A KRYPTONIAN FAMILY INTO THE BODIES OF MONSTERS..."
SOMEONE HELP US, PLEASE! TOR-AN DID THIS TO US WITH A MIND-TRANSFER MACHINE!
PLEASE HELP ME GET OUT OF THIS HORRIBLE BODY! I DON'T WANT TO BE A MONSTER!

"FOR YOUR GHASTLY CRIMES YOU WERE CONDEMNED TO THE TWILIGHT DIMENSION OF THE PHANTOM ZONE, BECAUSE THERE WAS NO DEATH PENALTY ON KRYPTON..."
ALL RIGHT! SENTENCE ME TO THE PHANTOM ZONE, BUT SOME DAY I'LL HAVE MY REVENGE ON YOU AND ALL KRYPTONIANS!

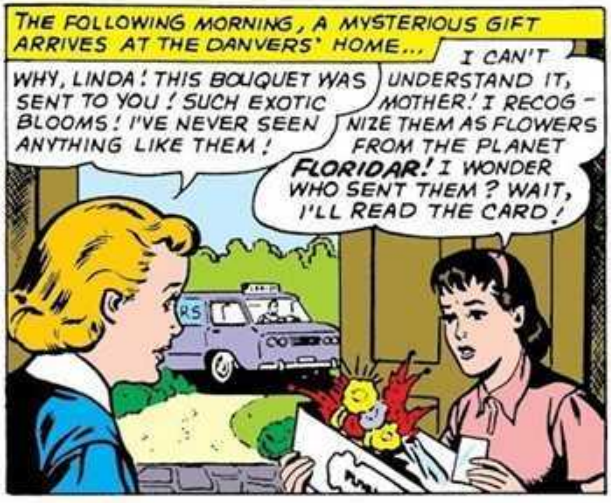
AND THE TIME FOR VENGEANCE IS HERE! I'M GOING TO BRING ETERNAL DISGRACE ON YOUR HEROINE, SUPERGIRL, AND HER COUSIN, SUPERMAN!
:GROAN:! AND WE CAN'T STOP HIM! SHOULD WE TRY TO ESCAPE, HIS DEVICE WILL KILL US ALL!

THAT NIGHT, TOR-AN SLIPS INTO MIDVALE, AND...
FIRST I MUST ESTABLISH A SECRET IDENTITY IN MIDVALE! HM! MY X-RAY VISION REVEALS THAT FELLOW HAS JUST ARRIVED IN TOWN TO TAKE A JOB AS A SCIENCE TEACHER! THAT FITS RIGHT IN WITH MY PLANS! I'LL STEAL HIS CREDENTIALS AND MOST OF HIS CLOTHES!

USING A RAILROAD LANTERN...
I'VE HYPNOTIZED HIM BY SPINNING THIS BULL'S-EYE LANTERN AT SUPER-SPEED!
PICK UP YOUR SUITCASES AND FOLLOW ME BEHIND THE RAILROAD STATION!
I... WILL... FOLLOW


SHORTLY AFTERWARD, TOR-AN, IN HIS NEW IDENTITY, TURNS OVER THE STRANGER TO THE POLICE...
I'M MICHAEL BARNES, A NEW TEACHER AT MIDVALE HIGH! I FOUND THIS POOR FELLOW WANDERING IN A DAZE!
I USED MY OWN KRYPTONIAN TECHNIQUE TO PUT HIM INTO A HYPNOTIC COMA! HE WON'T COME OUT OF IT FOR WEEKS!
THANKS, MR. BARNES! WE'LL TAKE CARE OF HIM!

THE NEXT DAY, AT MIDVALE HIGH...
STUDENTS! THIS IS MICHAEL BARNES, YOUR NEW SCIENCE TEACHER!
GOOD MORNING, CLASS!
THERE'S SUPERGIRL NOW IN HER DISGUISE AS LINDA LEE DANVERS! HA, HA! SHE'S NOT THE ONLY ONE HIDDEN UNDER A SECRET IDENTITY. NOW TO BEGIN MY CAMPAIGN!


THE FOLLOWING MORNING, A MYSTERIOUS GIFT ARRIVES AT THE DANVERS' HOME...
WHY, LINDA! THIS BOUQUET WAS SENT TO YOU! SUCH EXOTIC BLOOMS! I'VE NEVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE THEM!
I CAN'T UNDERSTAND IT, MOTHER! I RECOGNIZE THEM AS FLOWERS FROM THE PLANET FLORIDAR! I WONDER WHO SENT THEM? WAIT, I'LL READ THE CARD!

A SECRET ADMIRER! HOW THRILLING! WHO CAN IT BE? WHERE DID HE GET THESE MAGNIFICENT FLOWERS?
Lovely one, I adore you! If only I dared speak my feelings! But these flowers say what is in my heart! Secret Admirer
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A DAY LATER, ANOTHER ANONYMOUS GIFT ARRIVES...
IT'S A CAPE! AND WHAT GLOWING, SHIMMERING COLORS! IT'S LIKE ONE GLITTERING JEWEL!
I RECOGNIZE THESE FIBERS, MOTHER! THEY COME FROM THE RARE JEWEL PLANT FOUND ONLY ON THE PLANET LISTROM! LOOK! A CARD CAME WITH THIS GIFT, TOO!
"MY DEAREST! I'VE ROAMED THE UNIVERSE AND MANY BEAUTIES HAVE I SEEN, BUT NONE LIKE YOU. IF ONLY I WERE WORTHY OF YOU. YOUR SECRET ADMIRER." ANOTHER MESSAGE FROM MY UNKNOWN ADMIRER! HE MUST BE SOME ONE OUT OF THIS WORLD TO OBTAIN SUCH RARE GIFTS FROM ME! BUT WHY DOES HE SAY HE'S NOT WORTHY OF ME?
TO LINDA LEE DANVERS
THEN ONE DAY IN SCHOOL, AS THE NEW TEACHER ILLUSTRATES A PROBLEM...
SO IT IS SCIENTIFICALLY POSSIBLE FOR A WHOLE CITY TO TRAVEL THROUGH SPACE IF IT WERE SURROUNDED BY A BUBBLE OF OXYGEN TO HELP ITS INHABITANTS TO BREATHE!
GASP! HE DREW AN EXACT SKETCH OF ARGO CITY, WHERE I WAS BORN! GULP! IT'S PROBABLY ONLY A COINCIDENCE!
HE'S A BRILLIANT SCIENTIST, AND HANDSOME, TOO! I WONDER IF HE COULD BE THE ONE WHO... NO! IT'S IMPOSSIBLE!
THAT DRAWING MADE HER THINK! NOW THAT I'VE GOT HER HOOKED, I'M READY FOR THE NEXT STEP IN MY PLAN.
LINDA, WILL YOU REMAIN AFTER CLASS TO HELP ME WITH AN EXPERIMENT?
OXYGEN O ATOM 66,000
DUPED BY TOR-AN'S CUNNING, LINDA REMAINS AFTER CLASS. BUT IN THE MIDST OF AN EXPERIMENT...
I IGNITED THAT EXPLOSIVE DELIBERATELY WITH A FLASH OF MY HEAT VISION!
THAT BLAST! IT CAME WITHOUT WARNING! I COULD BLOW OUT THE FLAMES WITH MY SUPER-BREATH, BUT I CAN'T EXPOSE MY SUPERGIRL IDENTITY! I'LL GET THE FIRE EXTINGUISHER!
BUT AN INSTANT LATER...
MR. BARNES! YOU'VE PUT OUT THOSE FLAMES WITH A MERE PUFF OF BREATH! AND YOU'RE CRUSHING THE FLAMING EMBERS WITH YOUR BARE HANDS? GOOD GRIEF! YOU'RE SUPER!
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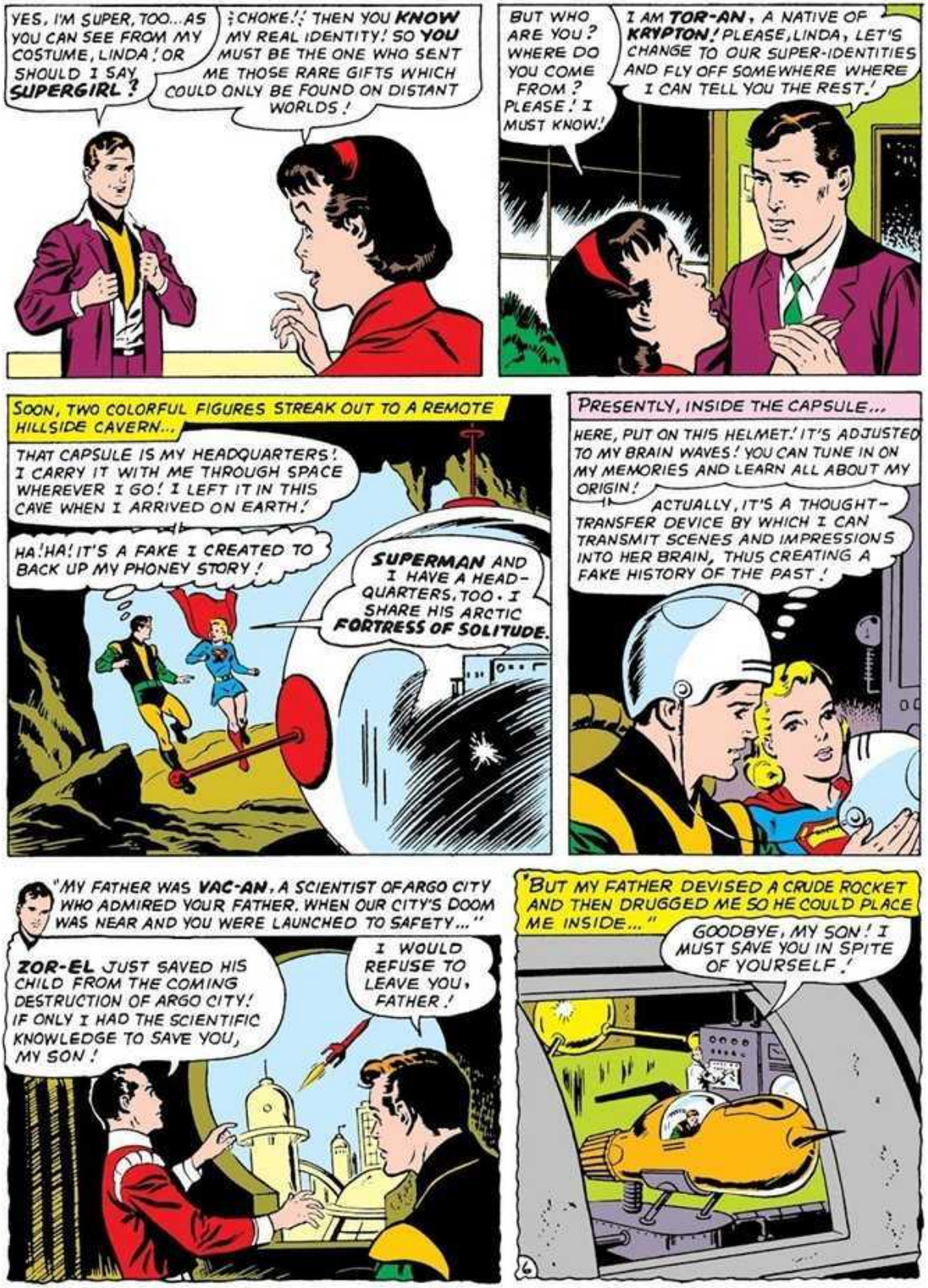
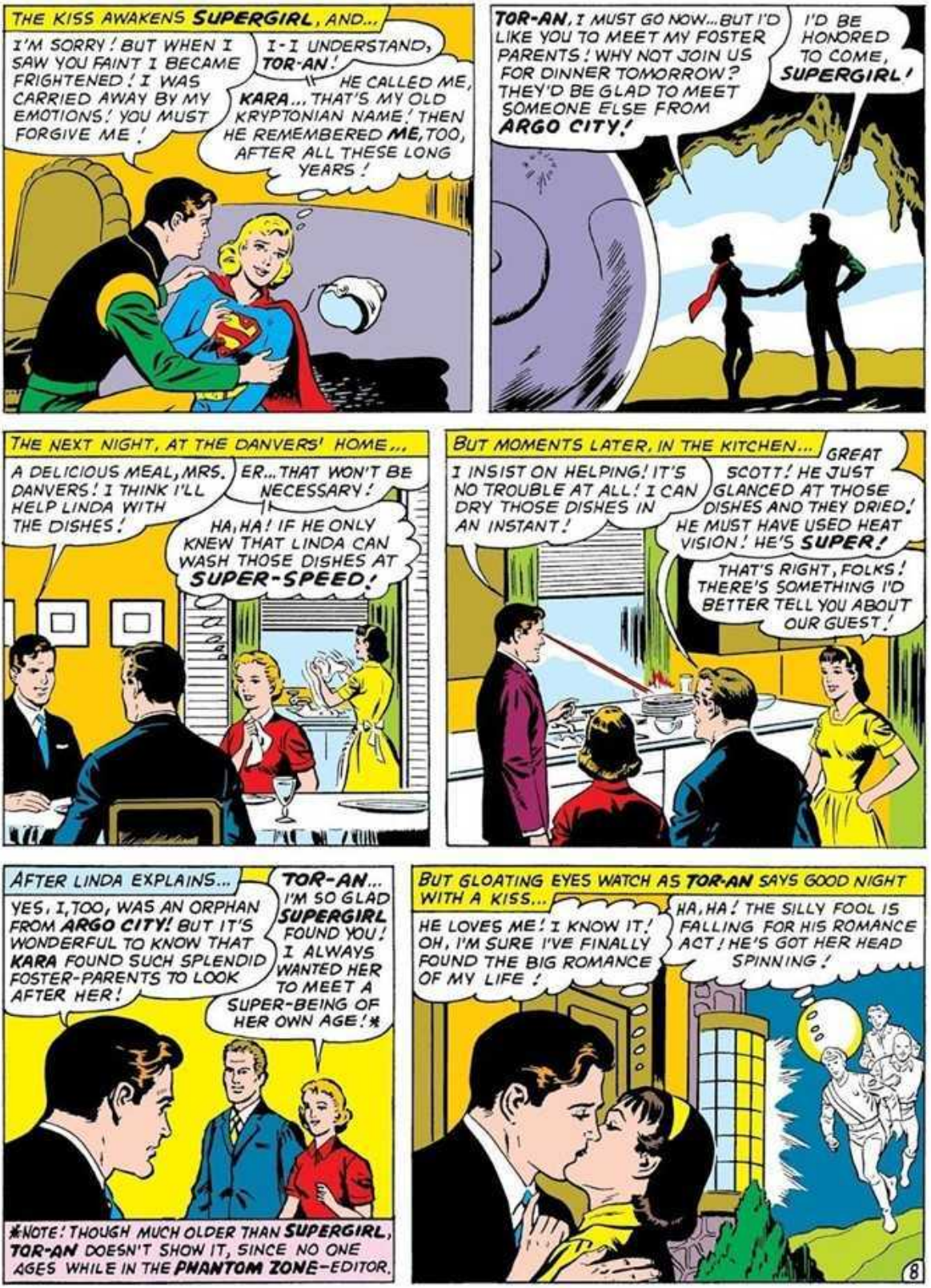

YES, I'M SUPER, TOO... AS YOU CAN SEE FROM MY COSTUME, LINDA! OR SHOULD I SAY SUPERGIRL?
¡CHOKE!¡ THEN YOU KNOW MY REAL IDENTITY! SO YOU MUST BE THE ONE WHO SENT ME THOSE RARE GIFTS WHICH COULD ONLY BE FOUND ON DISTANT WORLDS!
BUT WHO ARE YOU? WHERE DO YOU COME FROM? PLEASE! I MUST KNOW!
I AM TOR-AN, A NATIVE OF KRYPTON! PLEASE, LINDA, LET'S CHANGE TO OUR SUPER-IDENTITIES AND FLY OFF SOMEWHERE WHERE I CAN TELL YOU THE REST.
SOON, TWO COLORFUL FIGURES STREAK OUT TO A REMOTE HILLSIDE CAVERN...
THAT CAPSULE IS MY HEADQUARTERS! I CARRY IT WITH ME THROUGH SPACE WHEREVER I GO! I LEFT IT IN THIS CAVE WHEN I ARRIVED ON EARTH!
HA! HA! IT'S A FAKE I CREATED TO BACK UP MY PHONEY STORY!
SUPERMAN AND I HAVE A HEADQUARTERS, TOO. I SHARE HIS ARCTIC FORTRESS OF SOLITUDE.
PRESENTLY, INSIDE THE CAPSULE...
HERE, PUT ON THIS HELMET! IT'S ADJUSTED TO MY BRAIN WAVES! YOU CAN TUNE IN ON MY MEMORIES AND LEARN ALL ABOUT MY ORIGIN!
ACTUALLY, IT'S A THOUGHT-TRANSFER DEVICE BY WHICH I CAN TRANSMIT SCENES AND IMPRESSIONS INTO HER BRAIN, THUS CREATING A FAKE HISTORY OF THE PAST!
"MY FATHER WAS VAC-AN, A SCIENTIST OF ARGO CITY WHO ADMIRED YOUR FATHER. WHEN OUR CITY'S DOOM WAS NEAR AND YOU WERE LAUNCHED TO SAFETY..."
ZOR-EL JUST SAVED HIS CHILD FROM THE COMING DESTRUCTION OF ARGO CITY! IF ONLY I HAD THE SCIENTIFIC KNOWLEDGE TO SAVE YOU, MY SON!
I WOULD REFUSE TO LEAVE YOU, FATHER!
"BUT MY FATHER DEVISED A CRUDE ROCKET AND THEN DRUGGED ME SO HE COULD PLACE ME INSIDE..."
GOODBYE, MY SON! I MUST SAVE YOU IN SPITE OF YOURSELF!

"WHEN I AWOKE, IT WAS TOO LATE..."
ARGO CITY! DESTROYED BY RADIATION! OH, FATHER, I'VE LOST YOU FOREVER! CHOKE!
"MY ROCKET WAS AIMED AT ANOTHER WORLD. THOUGH THIS PLANET HAD A YELLOW SUN, TOO, THERE WAS NO NEED FOR THE SUPER-POWERS I ACQUIRED THERE..."
I'M SORRY, TOR-AN! CRIME IS UNKNOWN HERE! AND SINCE WE HAVE ADVANCED SCIENCE, TOO, THERE IS NO USE FOR YOUR SUPER-POWERS ON OUR PLANET!
THEN I'LL TRAVEL TO A WORLD WHERE THEY CAN USE MY SUPER-ABILITIES!
"FOR YEARS I WAS A LONELY NOMAD IN SPACE--FIGHTING CRIME AND EVIL EVERYWHERE. THEN ONE DAY..."
GREAT KRYPTON! MY TELESCOPIC VISION HAS REVEALED A SUPER-BEING ON THAT PLANET JUST AHEAD! SHE LOOKS SO FAMILIAR! SHE REMINDS ME OF SOMEONE I ONCE KNEW!
AS TOR-AN ENDS HIS INVENTED STORY...
I WAS A LONELY WANDERER, YEARNING TO MEET ANOTHER SUPER-BEING LIKE MYSELF! SO I CAME HERE TO FIND YOU, SUPERGIRL!
ER--YOU SAID I REMINDED YOU OF SOMEONE! WHO WAS THAT?
SUDDENLY A NEVER FORGOTTEN IMAGE FLASHES THROUGH SUPERGIRL'S BRAIN...
GASP!
YOU REMINDED ME OF YOUR MOTHER, ALURA! I KNEW HER AS A BOY!
MOTHER! OH, SHE'S SO REAL I COULD ALMOST REACH OUT AND TOUCH HER! OHH! I'M GOING TO FAINT!
THAT FAIRY TALE I TOLD HER WORKED EVEN BETTER THAN I'D HOPED! NOW TO GO INTO MY BIG ACT!
KARA! MY DEAREST! WHAT HAVE I DONE? SPEAK TO ME!


THE KISS AWAKENS SUPERGIRL, AND...
I'M SORRY! BUT WHEN I SAW YOU FAINT I BECAME FRIGHTENED! I WAS CARRIED AWAY BY MY EMOTIONS! YOU MUST FORGIVE ME!
I-I UNDERSTAND, TOR-AN!
HE CALLED ME, KARA... THAT'S MY OLD KRYPTONIAN NAME! THEN HE REMEMBERED ME, TOO, AFTER ALL THESE LONG YEARS!
TOR-AN, I MUST GO NOW... BUT I'D LIKE YOU TO MEET MY FOSTER PARENTS! WHY NOT JOIN US FOR DINNER TOMORROW? THEY'D BE GLAD TO MEET SOMEONE ELSE FROM ARGO CITY!
I'D BE HONORED TO COME, SUPERGIRL!
THE NEXT NIGHT, AT THE DANVERS' HOME...
A DELICIOUS MEAL, MRS. DANVERS! I THINK I'LL HELP LINDA WITH THE DISHES!
ER... THAT WON'T BE NECESSARY!
HA, HA! IF HE ONLY KNEW THAT LINDA CAN WASH THOSE DISHES AT SUPER-SPEED!
BUT MOMENTS LATER, IN THE KITCHEN...
I INSIST ON HELPING! IT'S NO TROUBLE AT ALL! I CAN DRY THOSE DISHES IN AN INSTANT!
GREAT SCOTT! HE JUST GLANCED AT THOSE DISHES AND THEY DRIED! HE MUST HAVE USED HEAT VISION! HE'S SUPER!
THAT'S RIGHT, FOLKS! THERE'S SOMETHING I'D BETTER TELL YOU ABOUT OUR GUEST!
AFTER LINDA EXPLAINS...
YES, I, TOO, WAS AN ORPHAN FROM ARGO CITY! BUT IT'S WONDERFUL TO KNOW THAT KARA FOUND SUCH SPLENDID FOSTER-PARENTS TO LOOK AFTER HER!
TOR-AN... I'M SO GLAD SUPERGIRL FOUND YOU! I ALWAYS WANTED HER TO MEET A SUPER-BEING OF HER OWN AGE!*
*NOTE! THOUGH MUCH OLDER THAN SUPERGIRL, TOR-AN DOESN'T SHOW IT, SINCE NO ONE AGES WHILE IN THE PHANTOM ZONE—EDITOR.
BUT GLOATING EYES WATCH AS TOR-AN SAYS GOOD NIGHT WITH A KISS...
HE LOVES ME! I KNOW IT! OH, I'M SURE I'VE FINALLY FOUND THE BIG ROMANCE OF MY LIFE!
HA, HA! THE SILLY FOOL IS FALLING FOR HIS ROMANCE ACT! HE'S GOT HER HEAD SPINNING!
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IN THE DAYS THAT FOLLOW, THE SCHEMING CRIMINAL SHOWERS ATTENTIONS ON SUPERGIRL'S FOSTER PARENTS...
HERE...A GIFT FOR THE PARENT OF THE LOVELIEST GIRL IN THE WORLD! THIS FLUID I DEVELOPED WILL TAKE TWENTY YEARS OFF YOUR AGE!
;GASP!; YOU CAN'T BE SERIOUS, TOR-AN! I MUST TRY IT AT ONCE!
A STARTLING INSTANT LATER...
;GULP!; HE'S RIGHT! WE'VE RECAPTURED OUR LOST YOUTH!
AND SOME DAY, SOON, PERHAPS I'LL FIND A WAY TO MAKE YOU BOTH SUPER, TOO!
THEY FELL FOR IT! HA, HA! THE EFFECTS OF THAT PHONEY YOUTH SERUM WON'T LAST MORE THAN A COUPLE OF WEEKS!
SOON, THE WHIRLWIND COURTSHIP COMES TO THE INEVITABLE CONCLUSION...
THEN YOU'LL MARRY ME? OH, DARLING, NAME THE DAY AND MAKE IT SOON! I CAN'T WAIT!
WE'LL BE MARRIED AT THE END OF THE MONTH, DEAREST! I'M THE HAPPIEST GIRL IN THE WORLD!
I MUST PUT THIS SCHEME OVER BEFORE SUPERMAN RETURNS TO EARTH!
AND WHEN THE DANVERS' HEAR THE NEWS...
I'M SO GLAD, DEAR! I'M SURE TOR-AN WILL MAKE THE PERFECT SON-IN-LAW!
NOT YET, MRS. DANVERS... NOT BEFORE I PRESENT YOU WITH THE TRADITIONAL KRYPTONIAN DOWRY!
ACCORDING TO THE OLD KRYPTONIAN CUSTOM, I MUST OFFER YOU THIS BOX OF FIRE-CRYSTALS IN RETURN FOR YOUR DAUGHTER'S HAND!
THOSE GLOWING GEMS ARE THE MOST VALUABLE IN THE UNIVERSE! ;SIGH!; I'D ALMOST FORGOTTEN THAT LOVELY KRYPTONIAN BRIDAL CUSTOM!
BUT DAYDREAMS INTERFERE WITH SUPER-GIRL'S DUTIES...ONE DAY, AS SHE LOWERS SOME EXPLORERS IN A BATHYSPHERE SO THAT THEY CAN PHOTOGRAPH MARINE LIFE IN AN OCEAN CHASM...
IT'S BEEN EXACTLY FOUR HOURS, THIRTY-TWO MINUTES AND TWELVE SECONDS SINCE I LAST KISSED TOR-AN! SIGH!
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MEANWHILE, PANIC REIGNS INSIDE THE UNDERSEA CRAFT...
WE'RE AT 25,000 FEET! THE HULL CAN'T TAKE THIS PRESSURE! WE'RE BEGINNING TO LEAK!
I CAN'T UNDERSTAND WHAT'S WRONG WITH SUPERGIRL! SHE SHOULD'VE STOPPED LOWERING US AT 15,000 FEET, AS I ASKED HER!
BUT LUCKILY, JERRO THE MERMAN DETECTS THE PANIC INSIDE THE VESSEL AND WARNS SUPERGIRL TELEPATHICALLY...
SUPERGIRL, THIS IS YOUR FRIEND, JERRO, FROM ATLANTIS! BE CAREFUL! YOU'VE GOT THAT BATHYSPHERE AT A DANGEROUS DEPTH! RAISE IT AT ONCE, BEFORE THE WATER PRESSURE CRUSHES IT!
OH! I WAS DAYDREAMING! I'LL TAKE IT TO A SAFE LEVEL IMMEDIATELY!
LATER, AFTER THE BATHYSPHERE IS RETURNED TO THE SURFACE...
SUPERGIRL, THIS ROMANCE HAS TURNED YOUR HEAD! FRANKLY, I DON'T LIKE TOR-AN! I SENSE SOMETHING WRONG ABOUT HIM, BUT I CAN'T TELL WHAT IT IS! WHY NOT HOLD UP THE WEDDING UNTIL SUPERMAN COMES BACK TO EARTH?
NONSENSE, JERRO! THERE'S NOTHING WRONG WITH MY SWEETHEART!
I WONDER IF JERRO IS JEALOUS?
BUT SOON ANOTHER LOYAL FRIEND WARNS SUPERGIRL TELEPATHICALLY...
I TELL YOU, SUPERGIRL, THERE'S SOMETHING EVIL ABOUT TOR-AN! I TRIED TO READ HIS THOUGHTS, BUT HE BLOCKED MY TELEPATHIC POWERS! DELAY THE WEDDING UNTIL SUPERMAN RETURNS!
COMET, YOU JUST RESENT TOR-AN BECAUSE I LOVE HIM!
BUT THE WARNINGS TAKE EFFECT ON SUPERGIRL, AND...
TOR-AN, DEAR, CAN'T WE WAIT WITH THE WEDDING? I'D LIKE MY COUSIN SUPERMAN TO BE PRESENT!
OF COURSE, MY DEAR! I'D BE HONORED TO HAVE HIM THERE!
I'VE BEEN EXPECTING THIS! I'VE ALREADY PREPARED PLANS TO HOODWINK HER!
SUDDENLY...
LOOK, DEAR! IT'S SUPERMAN!
HI, SUPERGIRL! I'VE RETURNED TO EARTH! I HEARD ABOUT YOUR WEDDING ON THE SPACE MONITOR! CONGRATULATIONS!
HA, HA! I FOOLED HER COMPLETELY! SHE'S TALKING TO A CHEMICAL ANDROID I CREATED. I USED THE ROBOTS I WRECKED IN SUPERMAN'S FORTRESS AS A MODEL!
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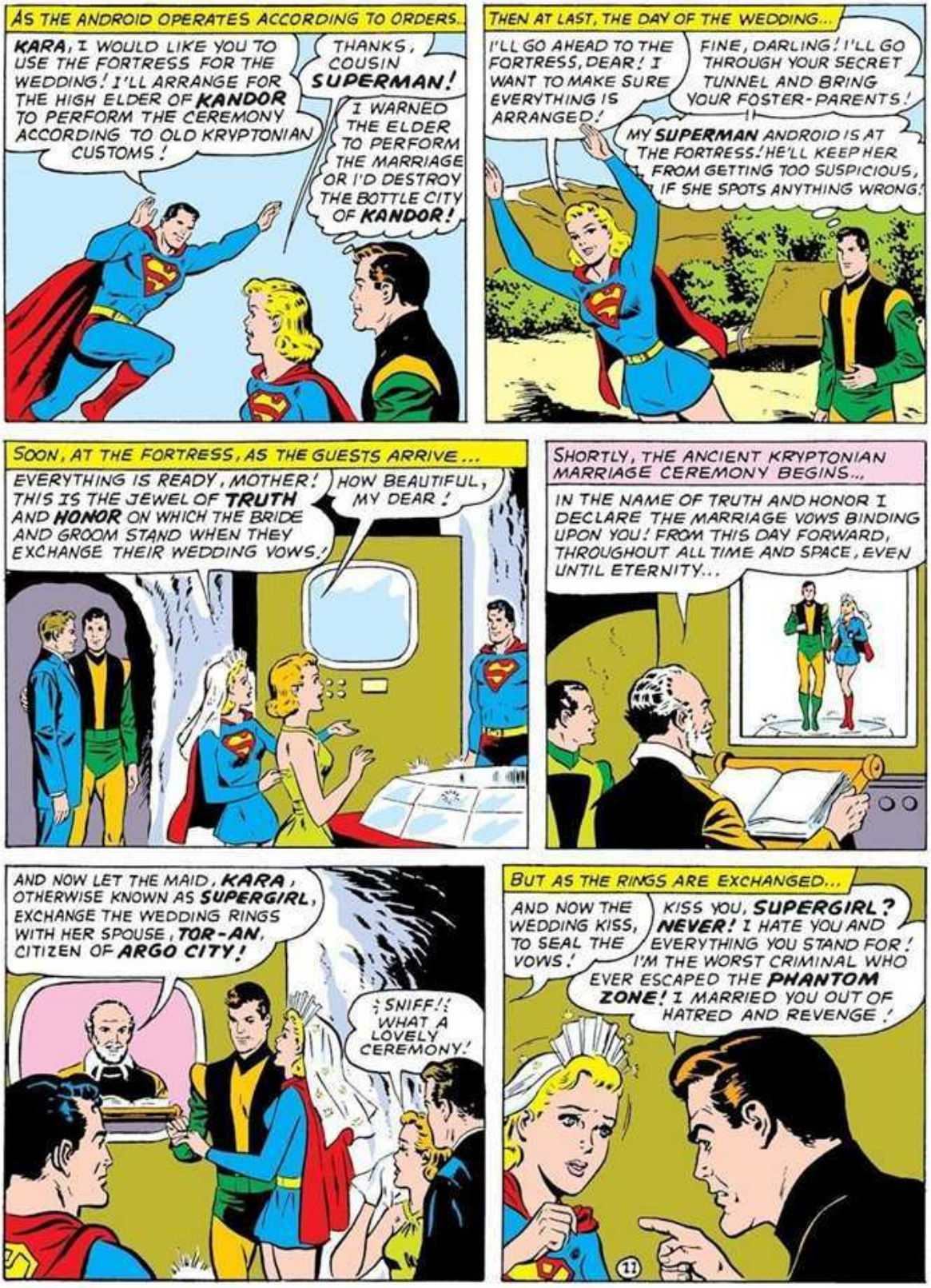
AS THE ANDROID OPERATES ACCORDING TO ORDERS..
KARA, I WOULD LIKE YOU TO USE THE FORTRESS FOR THE WEDDING! I'LL ARRANGE FOR THE HIGH ELDER OF KANDOR TO PERFORM THE CEREMONY ACCORDING TO OLD KRYPTONIAN CUSTOMS!
THANKS, COUSIN SUPERMAN!
I WARNED THE ELDER TO PERFORM THE MARRIAGE OR I'D DESTROY THE BOTTLE CITY OF KANDOR!
THEN AT LAST, THE DAY OF THE WEDDING...
I'LL GO AHEAD TO THE FORTRESS, DEAR! I WANT TO MAKE SURE EVERYTHING IS ARRANGED!
FINE, DARLING! I'LL GO THROUGH YOUR SECRET TUNNEL AND BRING YOUR FOSTER-PARENTS!
MY SUPERMAN ANDROID IS AT THE FORTRESS! HE'LL KEEP HER FROM GETTING TOO SUSPICIOUS, IF SHE SPOTS ANYTHING WRONG!
SOON, AT THE FORTRESS, AS THE GUESTS ARRIVE...
EVERYTHING IS READY, MOTHER! THIS IS THE JEWEL OF TRUTH AND HONOR ON WHICH THE BRIDE AND GROOM STAND WHEN THEY EXCHANGE THEIR WEDDING VOWS!
HOW BEAUTIFUL, MY DEAR!
SHORTLY, THE ANCIENT KRYPTONIAN MARRIAGE CEREMONY BEGINS...
IN THE NAME OF TRUTH AND HONOR I DECLARE THE MARRIAGE VOWS BINDING UPON YOU! FROM THIS DAY FORWARD, THROUGHOUT ALL TIME AND SPACE, EVEN UNTIL ETERNITY...
AND NOW LET THE MAID, KARA, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS SUPERGIRL, EXCHANGE THE WEDDING RINGS WITH HER SPOUSE, TOR-AN, CITIZEN OF ARGO CITY!
SNIFF!! WHAT A LOVELY CEREMONY!
BUT AS THE RINGS ARE EXCHANGED...
AND NOW THE WEDDING KISS, TO SEAL THE VOWS!
KISS YOU, SUPERGIRL? NEVER! I HATE YOU AND EVERYTHING YOU STAND FOR! I'M THE WORST CRIMINAL WHO EVER ESCAPED THE PHANTOM ZONE! I MARRIED YOU OUT OF HATRED AND REVENGE!
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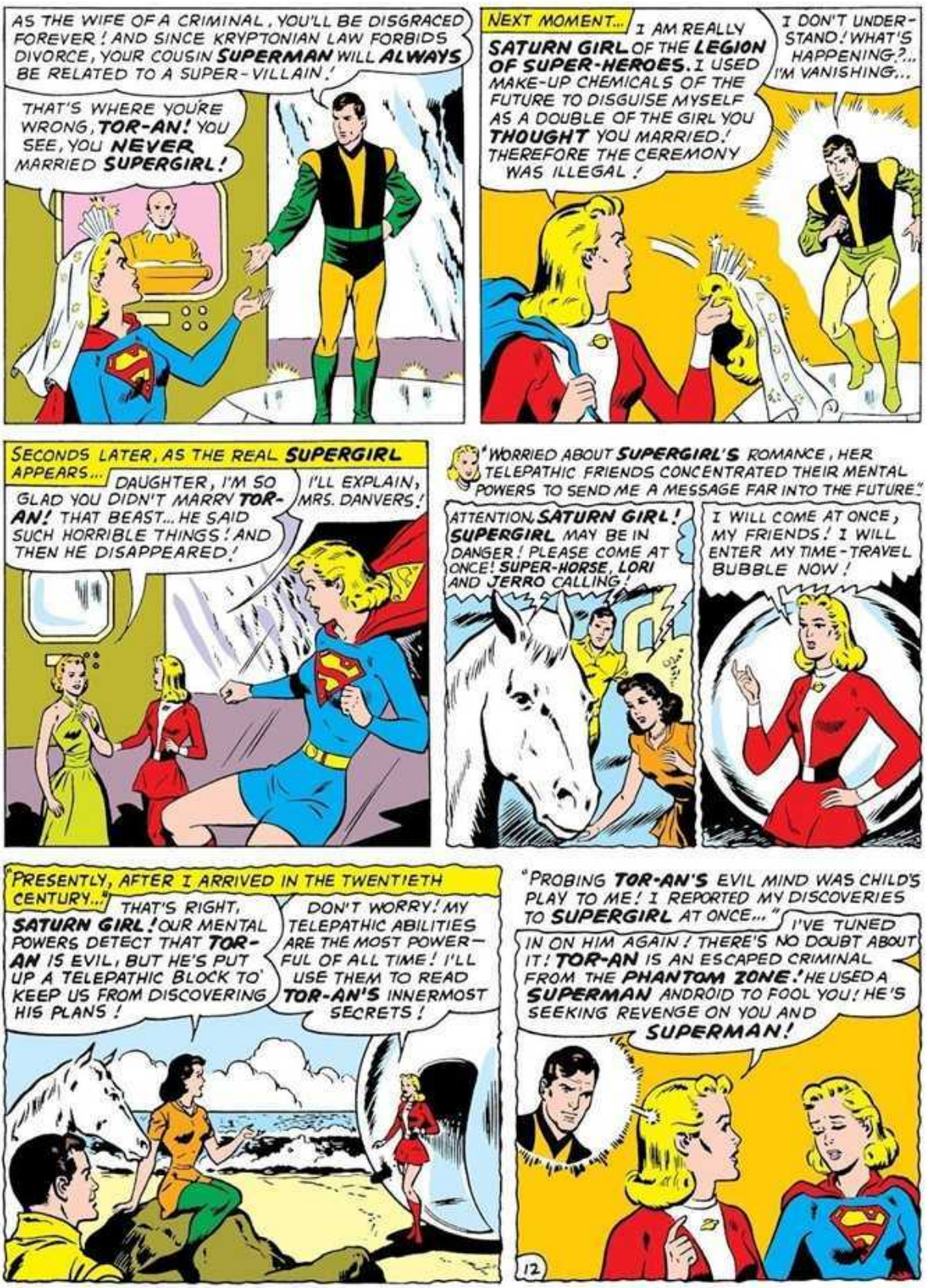
AS THE WIFE OF A CRIMINAL, YOU'LL BE DISGRACED FOREVER! AND SINCE KRYPTONIAN LAW FORBIDS DIVORCE, YOUR COUSIN SUPERMAN WILL ALWAYS BE RELATED TO A SUPER-VILLAIN!
THAT'S WHERE YOU'RE WRONG, TOR-AN! YOU SEE, YOU NEVER MARRIED SUPERGIRL!
NEXT MOMENT... I AM REALLY SATURN GIRL OF THE LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES. I USED MAKE-UP CHEMICALS OF THE FUTURE TO DISGUISE MYSELF AS A DOUBLE OF THE GIRL YOU THOUGHT YOU MARRIED! THEREFORE THE CEREMONY WAS ILLEGAL!
I DON'T UNDERSTAND! WHAT'S HAPPENING?... I'M VANISHING...
SECONDS LATER, AS THE REAL SUPERGIRL APPEARS...
DAUGHTER, I'M SO GLAD YOU DIDN'T MARRY TOR-AN! THAT BEAST... HE SAID SUCH HORRIBLE THINGS! AND THEN HE DISAPPEARED!
I'LL EXPLAIN, MRS. DANVERS!
"WORRIED ABOUT SUPERGIRL'S ROMANCE, HER TELEPATHIC FRIENDS CONCENTRATED THEIR MENTAL POWERS TO SEND ME A MESSAGE FAR INTO THE FUTURE."
ATTENTION, SATURN GIRL! SUPERGIRL MAY BE IN DANGER! PLEASE COME AT ONCE! SUPER-HORSE, LORI AND JERRO CALLING!
I WILL COME AT ONCE, MY FRIENDS! I WILL ENTER MY TIME-TRAVEL BUBBLE NOW!
"PRESENTLY, AFTER I ARRIVED IN THE TWENTIETH CENTURY..."
THAT'S RIGHT, SATURN GIRL! OUR MENTAL POWERS DETECT THAT TOR-AN IS EVIL, BUT HE'S PUT UP A TELEPATHIC BLOCK TO KEEP US FROM DISCOVERING HIS PLANS!
DON'T WORRY! MY TELEPATHIC ABILITIES ARE THE MOST POWERFUL OF ALL TIME! I'LL USE THEM TO READ TOR-AN'S INNERMOST SECRETS!
"PROBING TOR-AN'S EVIL MIND WAS CHILD'S PLAY TO ME! I REPORTED MY DISCOVERIES TO SUPERGIRL AT ONCE..."
I'VE TUNED IN ON HIM AGAIN! THERE'S NO DOUBT ABOUT IT! TOR-AN IS AN ESCAPED CRIMINAL FROM THE PHANTOM ZONE! HE USED A SUPERMAN ANDROID TO FOOL YOU! HE'S SEEKING REVENGE ON YOU AND SUPERMAN!
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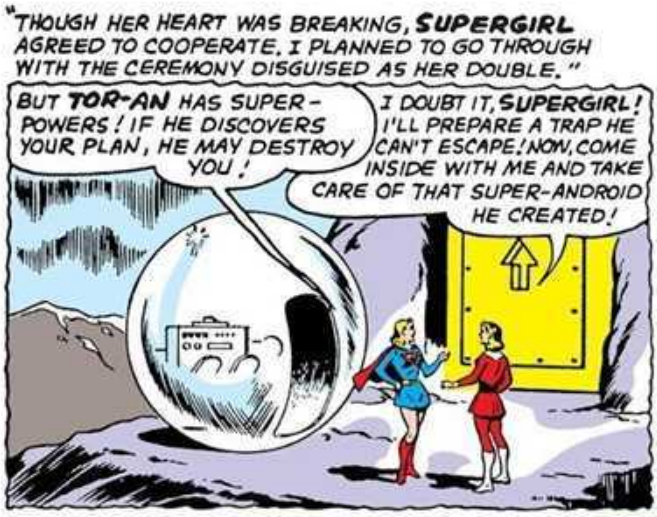
"THOUGH HER HEART WAS BREAKING, SUPERGIRL AGREED TO COOPERATE. I PLANNED TO GO THROUGH WITH THE CEREMONY DISGUISED AS HER DOUBLE."
BUT TOR-AN HAS SUPER-POWERS! IF HE DISCOVERS YOUR PLAN, HE MAY DESTROY YOU!
I DOUBT IT, SUPERGIRL! I'LL PREPARE A TRAP HE CAN'T ESCAPE! NOW, COME INSIDE WITH ME AND TAKE CARE OF THAT SUPER-ANDROID HE CREATED!

ACTUALLY, THE JEWEL OF HONOR ON WHICH TOR-AN STOOD WAS A TIME-TRAVEL DEVICE WHICH I CREATED SECRETLY AT SUPER-SPEED!
THE CONTROLS WERE TUNED TO THE RING WHICH I GAVE TOR-AN! AS SOON AS I STEPPED OFF THE "JEWEL", I WORKED THE CONTROLS SO THAT HE WAS WHISKED INTO THE FUTURE!

TOR-AN IS A PRISONER IN A KRYPTONITE CAGE, SOMEWHERE IN THE FUTURE, AND HE'LL WAIT THERE UNTIL SUPERMAN AND I RETURN HIM INTO THE PHANTOM ZONE!
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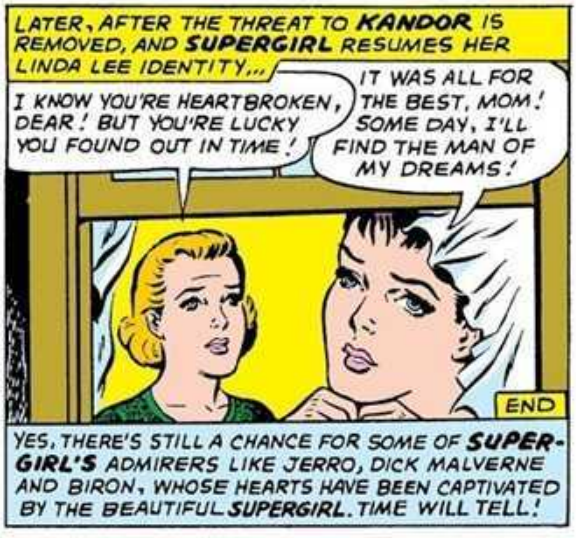
LATER, AFTER THE THREAT TO KANDOR IS REMOVED, AND SUPERGIRL RESUMES HER LINDA LEE IDENTITY...
I KNOW YOU'RE HEARTBROKEN, DEAR! BUT YOU'RE LUCKY YOU FOUND OUT IN TIME!
IT WAS ALL FOR THE BEST, MOM! SOME DAY, I'LL FIND THE MAN OF MY DREAMS!
END
YES, THERE'S STILL A CHANCE FOR SOME OF SUPERGIRL'S ADMIRERS LIKE JERRO, DICK MALVERNE AND BIRON, WHOSE HEARTS HAVE BEEN CAPTIVATED BY THE BEAUTIFUL SUPERGIRL. TIME WILL TELL!

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